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Fremont town historian dies

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — T.R. Hagerty had a relationship with his grandfather, Roy Crandall, that he felt was rare and special.

"Not too many people can say they were best friends with their grandparents," T.R. said with a smile in his voice. "My grandpa and I were good buddies. I was very fortunate."

Roy died Dec. 13 after taking a fall at home, which doctors said could have led him to suffer a stroke, according to T.R. He was 87.

In addition to being a longtime town historian for Fremont, where he was born on Nov. 26, 1918, and where he lived his entire life, Crandall was the owner of two businesses in Fremont — Crandall Hardware from 1966-85 and Patchwork & Sparkle Ceramics from 1985-2005. For many years, he was the cemetery sexton at Fremont Cemetery.

Mr. Crandall

"He knew a lot about what was going on in Fremont," T.R. said. "It was really neat to talk to him when he was in his prime. He walked all the time. When the weather was nice, he would walk uptown two or three times a day."

Roy was active in the Masons, and several years ago earned 33rd degree status. He was a member of the 33rd Degree Association and the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257; Northeastern Lodge No. 210 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Fremont; Order of the Eastern Star No. 229, Ashley; Valley of Fort Wayne Scottish Rite; Mizpah Shrine Club, Fort Wayne; Pokagon Shrine Club, Angola; and Angola York Rite. He was a past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 366 in Fremont.

"He really took pride in the Masons," T.R. said. "That was his pride and joy."

Roy was highly independent. He was driving right up until the day before he died, and worked at Patchwork & Sparkle until several weeks ago.

"He did his own thing," T.R. said. "He was able to live at home. That was one thing we were thankful for and he was thankful for."

T.R., his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter, almost 3-year-old Hannah, lived next door to Roy. T.R. said that helped Hannah and her great-grandfather forge a special bond, although Hannah is very young.

"She saw him all the time, and she really misses him," T.R. said. "We saw him four or five times a day."

T.R. said losing his grandfather has been hard, and he and his family are continuing to go through the grieving process together.

"You miss the weird things," he said. "The phone calls, him driving past, him dropping in to check up on you."

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Eugene Mowry

ANGOLA — Eugene C. Mowry, 77, of Jimmerson Lake died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at his residence.

He worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne in the maintenance department and retired in 1992. He also worked in the traffic department at Josyln Steel and Magnavox Corp., both in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mowry

Mr. Mowry graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1947. He was a member of the following: Sol D. Bayless Masonic Lodge 359; Scottish Rite, 3rd Degree Valley of Fort Wayne; Mizpah Shrine; Pokagon Shrine Club; American Legion Post 47; Angola Elks Club, board member of Jimmerson Lake Association; and an active member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was one of the original members of the Premise Keepers (a handyman group), and for many years he was active in the Fort Wayne Transportation Club and the Delta Nu Alpha Traffic Fraternity. He was past president of the Summit City Claims Club.

Mr. Mowry was a U.S. Army veteran.

He and his wife enjoyed traveling. They visited all 50 states and liked to take cruises. They had wintered in Orange Beach for the past 11 years where they enjoyed walking on the beach, spending time in the sun, golfing, reading and attending Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. He was an avid walker before he became ill.

Mr. Mowry was known by his friends as a giver of hugs.

In Whitley County on Nov. 13, 1928, he was born to Clarence and Helen (Loutzenhiser) Mowry. He married Shirley A. Predmore on April 5, 1975, at Jimmerson Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Arlene Mowry of Amherst, N.Y.; a brother, Donald Mowry of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Joann Stephenson of Columbia City, Kathryn Bodkin of New Haven, Betty Wall of Fort Wayne, and Vivian Kessler of Garrett; two grandsons, Greg Mowry of Angola, and Kevin Mowry of Rochester, N.Y.; and many nieces, nephews and special friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Angola United Methodist Church, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating.

Calling will be from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church, Shrine Children's Hospital and Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Virginia Gilbert

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Virginia M. Gilbert, 81, of Battle Creek died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005.

Mrs. Gilbert was the former co-owner of the Fruitport Village Inn Restaurant for 12 years with her husband, Max. She was a former member of the Fruitport Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Cloverville Eagles.

She was born in Muskegon, Mich., on April 27, 1924, to Walter and Iva Essenberg.

She married Max Gilbert on Nov. 26, 1949, in Fruitport, Mich. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Clara Gilbert of North Carolina; two daughters and sons-in-law, Valerie Gilbert and Rene Ayala of Battle Creek, Mich., and Gale and Gary Houghtaling of Lapeer, Mich.; 10 grandchildren, Collette, Terri, Angela, Jeffery II, Shannon, Cari, Adrienne, Logan, Genna and Paige; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Nancy Essenberg of Fruitport, Robert and Sharon Essenberg of Muskegon, Mich., and James and Helen Essenberg of Holland, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Clock Lifestory Funeral Home in Fruitport with Pastor Tom Helton officiating. Interment will be in the Fruitport Mausoleum.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Clock Lifestory Funeral Home in Fruitport.

Memorials are to the Virginia M. Gilbert memorial fund. An online guest book may be signed at www.clockfuneralhome.com.

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Ralph Jones

ANGOLA — Ralph "Eddie" Jones, 76, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, in the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was a welder and sheet metal worker for 44 years and retired in 1990 from General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones was a member of the U.S. Utralight Association, Angola Moose Lodge, Masonic Lodge in LaBelle, Fla. and "Lawn Chair With Wings." He was an avid ultralight flier and flew to Florida three times.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1929, in Steuben County to Ralph E. and Florence (Butler) Jones. He married Ruby Love in Angola on July 6, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and their spouses, Jimm E. and Lisa Jones, Todd W. and Marcia Jones, Benn D. and Tracey Lewis, Matt W. and Carol Belzer and Will S. and Marilyn Jones, all of Angola; a daughter and her spouse, Beverly and Cary Baird of Angola; a brother, Lewis Jones of Paw Paw, Mich.; two sisters, Joylene Friskney of St. Paul, Minn., and Mary Hart of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

There is no visitation.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Donald Fry

SHIPSHEWANA — The Rev. Donald E. Fry, 63, of rural Shipshewana died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He was an ordained Southern Baptist minister for 18 years, chief probation officer of the LaGrange Circuit Court for 21 years and president of the Shipshewana Lions Club.

He moved to Shipshewana from Blanchester, Ohio, in 1980.

On Sept. 7, 1942, he was born in Springboro, Ohio, to Walter J. and Dorothy L. (Caverlee) Fry. He survives in Miamisburg, Ohio. On Aug. 3, 1962, he married Tanya R. Harman in Franklin, Ohio. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife and father are his stepmother, Inez Fry of Miamisburg, Ohio; three sons and a daughter-in-law, John C. Fry of Boonville, Calif., Patrick K. Glick of Wolcottville, and Terry and Tammy Fry of LaGrange; a sister, Beverly Mayberry of West Carrollton, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dawn Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care At Home & Hospice Services or Shipshewana Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Violet Owen

CHURUBUSCO — Violet Ilene Owen, 88, of rural Sparta Township in Noble County, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at her daughter Cheryl L. Bailey's residence in Goshen.

Mrs. Owen and her husband lived all their adult lives on the family farm in rural Sparta Township south of Kimmell. She spent her formative years in Green Township.

Mrs. Owen

She was a homemaker.

In Green Township in Noble County, she was born on Oct. 7, 1917, to Wilburt "Jim" and Laura (Diffendarfer) Pippenger. She married Leo Owen on Dec. 14, 1940, in Covington, Ky. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Angie Owen of Ligonier; twin daughters and two sons-in-law, Cherry L. and Marc Troyer and Cheryl L. and Thomas Bailey, all of Goshen; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents, a grandson, three brothers and seven sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care At Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen IN 46527.

Condolences may be sent online at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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David Petersheim

WOLCOTTVILLE — David Petersheim, 78, of Wolcottville died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Petersheim was a farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He moved from Kansas to LaGrange County in 1940.

He was born July 16, 1927, in Reno County, Kan., to David and Lizzie (Hostetler) Petersheim. They preceded him in death.

He married Amanda Beachy on Nov. 26, 1946, in LaGrange County. She died Oct. 3, 1950.

He married Susie Yoder on Sept. 13, 1951, in Topeka. She died Aug. 20, 2005.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Mary and Harley Miller of LaGrange, Ida and Orva Graber of Shipshewana, Mattie and Levi Miller of Shipshewana, Ada and Nelson Miller of LaGrange and Edna Hostetler of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Menno and Inez Petersheim of Shipshewana, Ezra and Mary Ellen Petersheim of Wolcottville, and Jake and Dorothy Petersheim of Wolcottville; a sister, Mattie Raber of Topeka; 37 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Anna Petersheim on July 4, 1948; two brothers and seven sisters.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 0525W-800S, Wolcottville. Bishop Ezra W. Bontrager and home ministers will officiate.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is all day Sunday at the family residence.

Arrangements are being handled by the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Kelly Bradley

KENDALLVILLE — Kelly Nichole Bradley, 19, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, in a car accident near Terre Haute.

Ms. Bradley

Ms. Bradley was employed with The Short Stop in Rome City and prior to that worked at Ramsey's Quick Stop in Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 14, 1986, in Kendallville to Robert D. and Janette Yvonne (Pant) Bradley.

Surviving are her father, Robert D. Bradley of Kendallville; her mother, Janette Branning of Kendallville; two daughters, Nevaeh Wolf and Landyn Stamper, both of Kendallville; two brothers, Kevin Bradley and Kyle Bradley, both of Kendallville; and her paternal grandparents, Isadore and Mable Bradley of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Vern and Pauline Pant.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. The Rev. Bill Tuttle will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to a care fund for Ms. Bradley's daughters.

Condolences may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marlene Siples

GARRETT — Marlene R. Siples, 72, of Garrett died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at 11:14 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Siples

Mrs. Siples formerly owned and operated the Auburn Dairy Freeze and the Backway Inn in Garrett. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, and the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was a very kind and caring person whose artistic nature, whether in gardening or crafts, conveyed her love to family and all others whose lives she touched.

She was born July 23, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Edmond J. and Hilda Marie (Gerardot) Kaliker.

On June 25, 1951, in Lake Worth, Fla., she married Ronald L. Siples. He died May 12, 1999.

Surviving are four sons, Randy Siples of Yoder, Jeff Siples of Fort Wayne, Kieth Siples of Avilla and Greg Siples of Running Springs, Calif; two daughters, Theresa Bolen of Wolcottville and Beth Bohn of Bountiful, Utah; four sisters, Rita Freeman of Topeka, Kan., Sister Linda Kaliker of St. Mary's of the Woods Sisters of Providence, Karen Wyss of Fort Wayne, and Kathleen Delamarter of Flower Mound, Texas; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with calling one half hour prior to the Mass. The Rev. Thom Lombardi will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling also will be Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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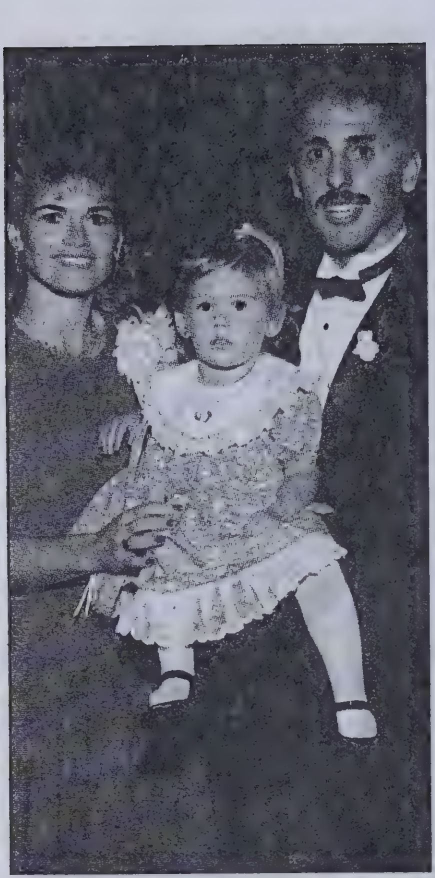

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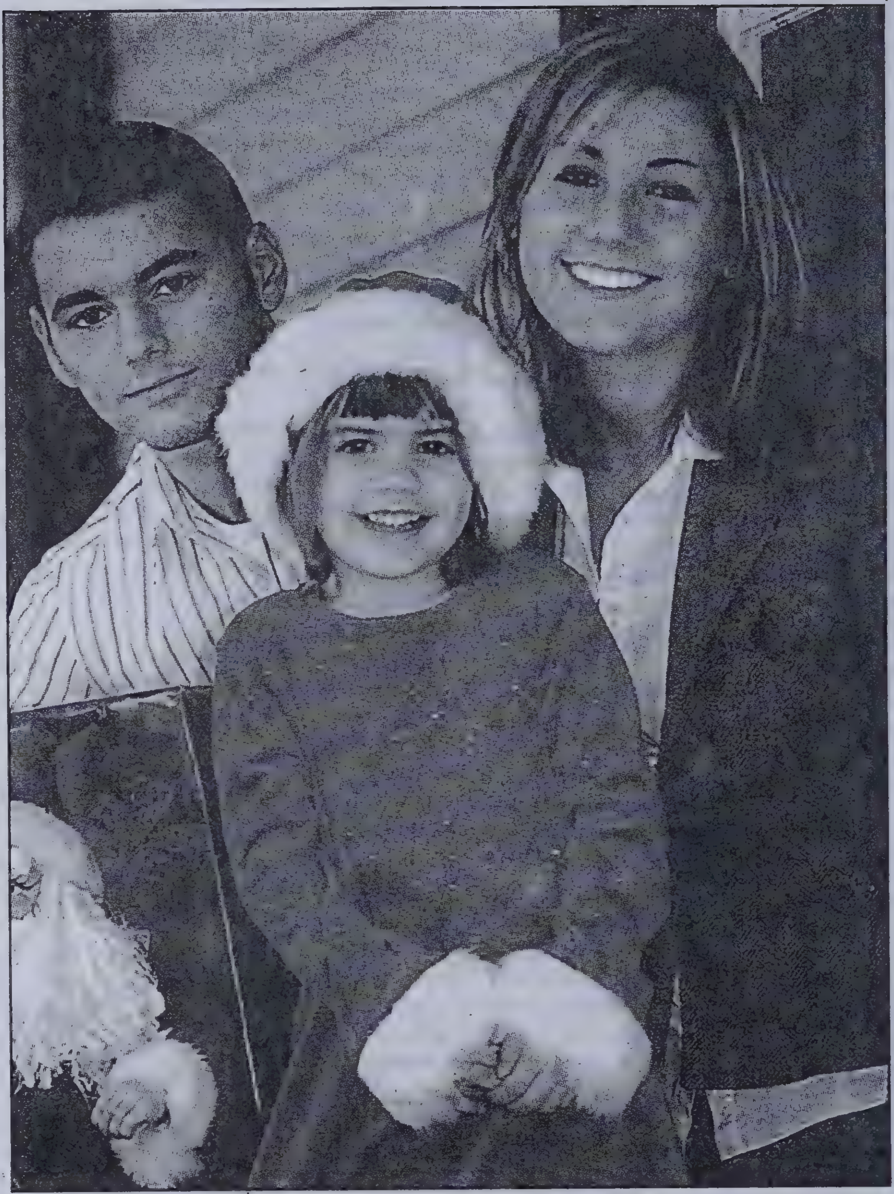
Melissa (Newman) Henry, left, is shown with her husband, Wendel, and their daughter, Loren, in a photo taken in the mid-1980s. Wendel and Loren were among four family members killed in an accident Thursday in Mississippi.

Family tragedy



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A vehicle accident Thursday claimed the lives of four Louisiana residents, all with Kendallville ties. Pictured from left are Bryant Henry, 16, his sister, Loren Renee Henry, 18, and her daughter, Kaylee Henry, 3. Bryant and Loren's father, Wendel, 46, was also killed in the accident. Melissa (Newman) Henry, daughter of Max and June Newman of rural Kendallville, is the only surviving family member. She is the wife, mother and grandmother of the accident victims. She was traveling by plane on the same day of the tragedy.

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Woman with Kendallville ties loses her husband, son, daughter and granddaughter in wreck

JACKSON, Miss. — Melissa (Newman) Henry, a 1977 East Noble High School graduate, lost her husband Wendel, son Bryant, daughter Loren, and granddaughter Kaylee in a crash on Interstate 55 outside of Jackson, Miss., at 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

Melissa Henry is the daughter of Max and June Newman of rural Kendallville and the sister of Vickie Tuffley of Kendallville, Judy Huesner of Fort Wayne and Max E. Newman Jr. of rural Kendallville.

Wendel C. Henry, 46; Loren Renee Henry, 18; Bryant Henry, 16; and Kaylee Henry, 3, all of Patterson, La., died after their vehicle was struck by an 18-wheeler, according to Yazoo County Coroner Ricky Shivers.

The family was en route to the New Orleans airport after visiting family out of state, Shivers said.

Part of the family made the trip by car, while the mother, Melissa Henry, had flown in order to spend more time with her out-of-state family members.

The Henry family members who drove had pulled off I-55 in Yazoo County after hitting a deer.

"When they pulled back on the highway, they collided with an 18-wheeler," Shivers said.

James Walker, spokesman for the Mississippi State Highway Patrol, said Loren Henry was driving a 2002 Cadillac and Tessa Key of Mississippi was driving a 2005 Volvo 18-wheeler southbound on I-55.

All were pronounced dead at the scene, Shrivers said.

Melissa Henry is a sixth-grade teacher.

Services for the Henry family were held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Patterson, La., where Bryant was preparing to be confirmed. Wendel and Bryant planned to go on a church mission trip to Mexico together this spring, according to a news story about the accident in The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, La.

Chester Countryman

KENDALLVILLE — Chester Countryman, 77, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Countryman was employed with Taylor Made Systems from 1957-1992 and served as plant manager in Kendallville after being transferred here in 1964 from Gloversville, N.Y.

He was an avid golfer and played in the local golf leagues. He loved traveling and baseball and watching his grandson play baseball. He enjoyed animals and bird watching.

Mr. Countryman was a life member of Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194 and a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He served in the United States Army in 1946.

He was born March 29, 1928, in Johnstown, N.Y., to Frederick and Bessie (Clemons) Countryman. He married Eleanor Mae Gordon on Jan. 9, 1947, in Greensboro, N.C. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jim Countryman and Al Countryman, both of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Steve Reith of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren and their spouses, Sarah and Steve Bellino of Parker, Colo., Troy and Andrea Countryman of St. Louis, Mo., Stacey Reith of Fishers and Brian and Kellie Reith of Bradenton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Evalena Countryman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Janet Luce

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Janet F. Luce, 72, formerly of Auburn and Angola died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at her home in Pensacola.

Born in Portland, she was a hairdresser in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her three daughters, April Maloy of Union City, Cynthia Howard of Pensacola and Kelly Bassett of Butler; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Luce; three sisters; and a brother.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Norman Brown

COLUMBIA CITY — Norman E. Brown, 69, of Columbia City died at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown

A lifetime Whitley County area resident, he was an automatic screw machine operator at Whitley Products and Essex.

Mr. Brown graduated in 1956 from Coesse High School.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1956-1960.

Mr. Brown was a member of Pierceton American Legion Post 258.

He was born April 30, 1936, in Claypool in Kosciusko County to Ralph E. and Mary Ethel (Atchison) Brown.

Surviving are two brothers, James F. Brown of Fort Wayne and Roger L. Brown of Columbia City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty J. and Bert Newell of Fort Wayne, Alice J. Hughes of Bryan, Ohio, and Helen I. and David Grubb of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert E. Brown, Richard R. Brown, Donald W. Brown and Jerry L. Brown; and three sisters, Emma Jean Brown, Hazel M. Brown and Shirley A. Brudi.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw with graveside military services.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the American Heart Association or the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Sharon Pankop

CADIZ, Ky. — Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz and formerly of Kendallville died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

Mrs. Pankop was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville.

She attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; two daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., and Margaret Jane Pankop of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

No services have been set at this time.

King Funeral Home in Cadiz is in charge of arrangements.

Nancy Moore

TIPTON — Nancy L. Moore, 74, of Tipton died at 5:46 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Tipton Hospital after an extended illness.

She was a homemaker and was formerly employed by Sears Roebuck in Kendallville. She was a cook at Miller's Merry Manor in Tipton and was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton.

She was born July 3, 1931, in LaGrange to George H. and Francis (Reade) Sorg. The family moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., where she attended school until her junior year, returning to LaGrange where she graduated.

She married Robert Moore on June 23, 1956, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gayle Moore of Massachusetts and Michael Moore of Bradenton, Fla.; two daughters, Robin Cook of Greenfield and Wreny Howell of Pendleton; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Bobby Fortner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Young-Nichols Funeral Home, 216 W. Jefferson St., Tipton, with the Rev. Linda Philabaun and the Rev. Jack Masters officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Josephine Gallup

KENDALLVILLE — Josephine Gallup, 90, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Ruby Burd

FORT WAYNE — Ruby I. Burd, 88, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Burd was the owner/operator of Red Burd Ceramics. She retired in 1991.

She was a member of Anthony Wayne First Church of God, Eastern Star and New Haven Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Burd enjoyed china painting, ceramics, sewing and baking cookies. She volunteered at Anthony Wayne Food Bank.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Bill Dwight of Wolcottville and Rita and Matt Plonski of Ellicott City, Md.; a son, Phillip Burd of Oswego, N.Y.; four sisters, Mary Coffman of Pedro, Ohio, Joan Turvey and Beulah Lacy, both of Ironton, Ohio, and Thelma Coffman of Marion, Ohio; a brother, Clyde White of Marion, Ohio; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Burd; a son, Gary Burd; her parents, Laben and Virgie White; a brother, Celces White; and a sister, Bessie Brammer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Park Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with Pastor Jerry Blanchard officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Southern Care Hospice or Anthony Wayne First Church of God.

Paul Ervin Sr.

BUTLER — Paul C. Ervin Sr., 80, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Ervin

Mr. Ervin worked in shipping at Vulcraft, retiring in 1990 after 20 years. He ran Ervin's Concession and Popcorn, which was considered to have the best caramel corn at the DeKalb County and Grabill fairs and the St. Joe Pickle Festival.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 18, 1925, in Garrett to Clyde L. and Clara L. (Grischkie) Ervin.

He married W. JoAnn Grimm on June 19, 1951, in Arkansas. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul C. Ervin Jr., James Ervin and David Ervin, all of Butler, and Charles and Rose Ervin of Schertz, Texas; one daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Ervin of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two sisters, Helen Pence of Bryan, Ohio, and Marie Sapp of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren, Tracy, JoAnn, Linda, Suzanne, Bradley, April, Christopher and Tiffany.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Ervin.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Paul Ervin Jr., James Ervin, Charles Ervin, David Ervin, Hugh Taylor, Tracy Woodard, William "Bill" DeVore and Kevin Pence.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Velma Emenhiser

BUTLER — Velma Mae Emenhiser, 85, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center, Angola.

Mrs. Emenhiser

Mrs. Emenhiser was a homemaker and a member of Zion United Methodist Church in Butler and the United Methodist Women.

She was born Nov. 22, 1920, in DeKalb County to Floyd and Mary (Vestal) Oberlin.

She married Kenneth Emenhiser on April 5, 1942, in Spencerville. He died May 8, 1982.

Surviving are a sister, Irene Koch of Angola; and a companion, Russell McClellan of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Maxine Reade and two sisters who died in infancy.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church with the Rev. Saneta Maiko officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

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Elizabeth Langston

GARRETT — Elizabeth A. Langston, 81, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.

Mrs. Langston

Born Jan. 17, 1924, in Jackson, Mich., she was a former resident of Churubusco and a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, DeMaris and Robert Jordan of Garrett and Sue and Gerald Myers of Yuma, Ariz.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Randall H. Langston of Monroeville and Edward A. and Linda Langston of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jessica Langston, Jeremiah and Jamie Langston and Josh Langston, all of Churubusco, Doreen and Merv Topp of Auburn, Michael and Robin Foster and Jim and Cindy Foster, all of Jackson, Mich., and Barbara and Peter Rider and Marv and Margie Foster, all of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe H. Langston, in 2001.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Robert Oberlin

BUTLER — Robert Gordon Oberlin, 80, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Oberlin was born in Butler and graduated from Butler High School in 1943. He was a rural mail carrier with the Butler Post Office for 40 years.

He served as a corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from 1943 to 1946 as a member of the 5th Joint Assault Signal Co. With the 5th Marine Division, he landed in the second Amtrac wave to assault the beaches of Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945. His name is included in a book that details the exploits of the 5th Marine Division in World War II, entitled "The Spearhead," published in 1950 by the Infantry Journal Press.

Mr. Oberlin was a member of the Eagles, the American Legion post in Butler and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Suriving are his niece and her husband, Marsha and Jeffrey McCann of Hamilton; a nephew and his wife, Mike and Jeanette Oberlin of Butler; a niece-in-law, Peggy Oberlin of Columbus, Ohio; a great-nephew, Shane M. Oberlin of Butler; and a longtime friend, Virginia Teutsch of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Effie B. Mierly; his father, Carl E. Oberlin; a nephew, Mark Oberlin, who died in 2004; a brother, Willard Oberlin; and a half brother, Jerry Oberlin.

Services were Monday at 4 p.m., with arrangements by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Dana Stahlhut

ANGOLA — Dana M. Stahlhut, 48, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stahlhut was born Oct. 28, 1957, in Fort Wayne to Alvin and Barbara Ann (Schorey) Happel. She came to Angola from Fort Wayne in 1988.

Mrs. Stahlhut

She was the owner of Westside Express in Angola. She was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 Auxiliary. She enjoyed traveling and going to casinos.

Surviving are her father in Angola; her former husband, Steve Stahlhut of Angola; her companion, Mike Klemm of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly Stahlhut, both of Angola; a niece whom she raised, Ashlee Turpchinoff of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Janet Happel of Leo, Dennis and Janet Happel of Huntertown and Duane and Crystle Happel of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Debra and Barry Kolbow of Fremont and Joyce Turpchinoff of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Joyce Shorey of Angola; and three grandchildren, Kaelah, Brianna and Destin.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

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Bruce Fuller

HAMILTON — Bruce R. Fuller, 77, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Fuller was born Nov. 22, 1928, in Wolcottville to Verden J. and Hazel Mae (Rodman) Fuller. He was married to Donna Blotkamp on July 1, 1950, in Avilla, and she died on July 31, 1976. He then married Phyllis (Baxter) Aldrich Fuller on April 23, 1978, in Las Vegas, and she survives.

He was a retired foreman for Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., where he worked for 35 years. He moved from Wolcottville to Hamilton 20 years ago.

He was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 of the Free and Accepted Masons, LaGrange.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and William Hackett and Patricia and Randy Merrifield, all of LaGrange, and Peggy and Tom Sutton of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Rio and Kathy Fuller of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Leslie Loucks of LaGrange; a stepson, Kirk Aldrich of Hamilton; his twin brother, Bernard Fuller of Sturgis; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Kenneth Fuller.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Idress Miller

AUBURN — Idress M. Miller, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was born near Avilla on June 1, 1922, to Albert J. and Ella M. (Hess) Hoot. She was a 1940 graduate of Avilla High School. She married Richard "Keith" Miller on Jan. 10, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1994.

She worked at DeKalb High School for 13 years in the cafeteria.

Surviving are a son, Richard J. Miller of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Jon Johnson of Angola; a sister, Phyllis Noffze of Avilla; two grandchildren, Brent A. Miller of Bluffton and Tracey Dove of Butler; and four great-grandchildren, Dane and Olivia Miller of Auburn and Collin and Conner Dove of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola from 4-8 p.m. and two hours prior to services at the funeral home in Butler on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 4, 2006, Wednesday

William Shull Jr.

BUTLER — William A. Shull Jr., 72, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Shull

Mr. Shull worked as a lathe operator for the Dana Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the Butler Eagles and the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born June 25, 1933, in Butler, Pa., to William Shull Sr. and Alice Shull. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 17, 1989, in Auburn, he married Lois (Kimes) Akey Shull. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott Shull of Wolcottville and Steve and Karen Shull of Carrollton, Texas; a stepson, Bret Akey of Spencerville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Shannon Koch of Butler and Sandy and Dan Kinzer of Dunedin, Fla.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Lona and Rich Lock of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Wineland; and a stepson, Dennis Akey Sr.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Healthcare Service or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Albert Scott

QUINCY, Mich. — Albert W. Scott, 75, of Quincy died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

He had retired in 1978 after 30 years as circulation manager at The Detroit News. He was an avid John Wayne fan and enjoyed traveling, hunting, house building and farming. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born June 13, 1930, in Owensboro, Ky., to Albert and Leta (Payne) Scott. On June 26, 1948, in Detroit, he married Susan Woodruff, and she survives in Quincy.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Thomas Edwards of Coldwater, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Brenda Scott of Angola and Marc and Kim Scott of Quincy; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Gloria Faye Ruman of Warren, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Nancy Scott of California; and a lifelong friend, Marcella Darling of Westland, Mich.

His parents, a sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Roger Milleman

ANGOLA — Roger V. Milleman, 75, Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was general foreman for 38 years at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Coldwater, Mich., Eagles.

He was born Aug. 14, 1930, in Angola to William and Anah (Walsh) Milleman. On July 8, 1998, he married Anita Montgomery, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Jimmie Milleman of Angola; two daughters, Belinda Hardiek of Angola and Laurie Miller of LaGrange; two stepdaughters, Kim Allen and Sheila O'Brien, both of Angola; a brother, Bob Milleman of Salem Center; two sisters, Georgene Call and Charlene Wagner, both of Angola; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Mary Ann Milleman, preceded him in death in 1998. A daughter, Dyanne Hamilton, and brother, Carlton Milleman, are also deceased.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery. Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 4, 2006, Wednesday

Helen Chaffee

LIGONIER — Helen B. Chaffee, 91, of Ligonier died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Chaffee

Mrs. Chaffee had lived in Ligonier since 1948.

She had served as secretary/treasurer of the former Ligonier Rubber Co.

Mrs. Chaffee was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, where she was active with the Good Samaritans.

She had served on the Committee on Community Concerns and was a longtime member of the Ligonier Study Club. She had served as secretary for the Noble County United Way Board of Directors and a member of the ad hoc committee for the West Noble Day Care.

She and Elizabeth Miller were instrumental in organizing the Ligonier Senior Citizens Nutrition Site and, in 1982, she was named Ligonier's Woman Citizen of the Year.

Following an active life, she enjoyed walking on the beach at her home in Florida.

She was born Oct. 22, 1914, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Valentine and Anna (Kraatz) Trossbach. She married Clyde V. Chaffee on Oct. 16, 1939, in Cleveland. He died in 1969.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Clifford Chaffee of Syracuse and Charles and Karen Chaffee of Fort Wayne; a sister, Wilma Parker of Syracuse; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Greencroft Health Care or the hospice of the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to give additional information.*

Donald Lemish

GOSHEN — Donald Paul Lemish, 72, of Goshen died at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at his home.

He had been a truck driver for Bayer.

Mr. Lemish was a member of the Goshen Disabled American Veterans and the VFW.

He was born Aug. 26, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Peter Paul and Zelda (Telgeman) Lemish. They are deceased.

He was raised by his paternal grandparents, John and Mary Lemish of Ege. They survive

Also surviving are a son, Larry, address unknown; two daughters, Debbie Reardon, address unknown, and Keren Bishop of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Beverly Schumaker of Avilla, Sally Seigman of Fort Wayne and Rita Moss of St. Louis, Mo.; and a stepbrother, Ralph Stark of Avilla.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at DAV No. 15, 708 W. Pike St., Goshen.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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Idress Miller

AUBURN — Idress M. Miller, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was born near Avilla on June 1, 1922, to Albert J. and Ella M. (Hess) Hoot. She was a 1940 graduate of Avilla High School. She married Richard "Keith" Miller on Jan. 10, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1994.

She worked at DeKalb High School for 13 years in the cafeteria. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Richard J. Miller of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Jon Johnson of Angola; a sister, Phyllis Noffze of Avilla; two grandchildren, Brent A. Miller of Bluffton and Tracey Dove of Butler; and four great-grandchildren, Dane and Olivia Miller of Auburn and Collin and Conner Dove of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be today at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, from 4-8 p.m. and two hours prior to services at the funeral home in Butler on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 4, 2006, Wednesday

Josephine Gallup

WOLCOTTVILLE — Josephine Gallup, 90, of Wolcottville died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Gallup

Mrs. Gallup had served as assistant postmaster in Brimfield for several years and had assisted her husband on the family farm near Wolcottville.

As a young woman, she worked in her father's general store in Brimfield. She was a 1933 graduate of Rome City High School.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolcottville, where she played the organ and piano for 65 years and was church treasurer.

Mrs. Gallup was a member of the American Baptist Women and involved with Gideons International.

She was an excellent seamstress and loved to garden.

Mrs. Gallup was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Cosperville to Herman and Ruth (Edsall) Frick. She married Walter M. Gallup on March 24, 1940, in Brimfield. He died Nov. 17, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and James Chandler of Fort Wayne and Deborah and Michael Kerr of Indianapolis; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Pam Gallup of Wolcottville and Phillip and Kathy Gallup of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Angela Hawk, Jeffrey Gallup, Michael Chandler, Scott Chandler, Shannon Kerr and Erin Kerr; two stepgrandchildren, Tina Cronkhite and Adrienne Lehner; six great-grandchildren, Christopher and Katelyn Hawk, Nolan, Joseph and Eloise Chandler and Grace Gallup; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Scott and Alyssa Cronkhite.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Robert and Burton Frick; and a sister, Marceile Potee.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Michael Maddy and the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Michael Chandler, Scott Chandler, Michael Kerr, James Chandler, Jeffrey Gallup and Scott Cronkhite.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

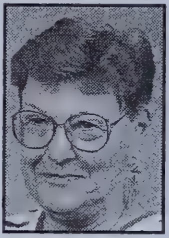
Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to give additional information.*

Sharon Pankop

CADIZ, Ky. — Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz and formerly of Kendallville died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.


Mrs. Pankop

Mrs. Pankop was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville.

She attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; a son, Dean Pankop of Corunna; three daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., and Jane Pankop of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexander and Christopher Karst of Kendallville, Garbriel of Princeton, Ky., Rose Hill of Auburn, Amber Prentice of Albion and Heath and Zane Pankop of Corunna; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

King Funeral Home in Cadiz is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 4, 2006, Wednesday

Violet Owen, 88

CHURUBUSCO — Violet Ilene Owen, 88, of rural Sparta Township in Noble County, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at her daughter Cheryl L. Bailey's residence in Goshen.

Mrs. Owen and her husband lived all their adult lives on the family farm in rural Sparta Township south of Kimmell. She spent her formative years in Green Township.

She was a homemaker.

In Green Township in Noble County, she was born on Oct. 7, 1917, to Wilburt "Jim" and Laura (Diffendarfer) Pippenger. She married Leo Owen on Dec. 14, 1940, in Covington, KY. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Angie Owen of Ligonier; twin daughters and two sons-in-law, Cherry L. and Marc Troyer and Cheryl L. and Thomas Bailey, all of Goshen; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 10 greatgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents, a grandson, three brothers and seven sisters preceded her in death.

Services were held Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel, officiated. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Care At Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen IN 46527.

Condolences may be sent online at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Makota Norris, 6

ALBION – Makota Z. "Cletus" Norris, 6, of Albion died at 7:04 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Makota was born Sept. 29, 1999, in Fort Wayne and was a lifetime area resident. He had attended Central Noble Elementary School. He loved playing with his brothers and sisters and watching the Simpson's television program.

Surviving are his father, Mike Norris of Albion; his mother, Laurie (Keister) Bode of Albion; four sisters, Bambi Bode and Lacey Bode, both of Albion, and Vanessa Wickern and Alyss Norris, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Kolten Bode of Albion, Mike Slone of Auburn and Cody Norris of Churubusco; maternal grandparents, Vance and Ardith Keister of Albion; paternal grandparents, Clarence "Bob" and Elaine Norris of Rome City and Norma Jean Morr of Albion; aunts and uncles, Kevin and Linda Keister, Steve and Sandra Keister and Mark and Sherry Morr, all of Albion, Jon and Mel Norris of Fort Wayne and Randy Pippenger of Rome City; and a nephew, Kaiden Burkhart.

Services were held Friday, December 30, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church in Albion officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Kevin and Steve Keister, Randy Pippenger and Cliff Burkhart. Honorary pallbearers were Mark Morr, John Norris and Kaiden Burkhart.

For those who wish, memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 4, 2006, Wednesday

Everett Liggett Sr., 80

CHURUBUSCO — Everett Liggett Sr., 80, of Churubusco died at 12:55 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at his home. He had been in declining health for several months.

He was employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for more than 45 years, retiring from there as a maintenance supervisor in 1989.

Mr. Liggett spent his formative years in LaGrange and Steuben counties. He served with the Merchant Marines during World War II.

He had lived in Allen County for 32 years prior to moving to Churubusco.

Mr. Liggett was a member of the Allen County Fairgrounds Corp. and the American Motorcycle Association. He enjoyed woodworking, motorcycles and attending antique tractor shows.

He was born Sept. 14, 1925, in Allen County to Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett. He married Patricia (Zimmerman) Templeton on July 7, 1967, in Allen County. She survives.

Also surviving are seven children and their spouses, Everett E. "Busty" and Linda Liggett of Auburn, Rick and Dian Templeton of Spencerville and Everett Jr. and Jenny Liggett, Carson and Tamera Templeton, Darlene and Bob Thomas, Debra and Charles "Wayne" Thomas and Pamela and Paul Lich, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Pat Liggett of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sara Liggett of Edon, Ohio; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Wallace Castle of Coldwater, Mich., Alice and William Mabry of Olympia, Wash., Pat Hoopengardner of Fort Wayne and Barbara Koskie of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tamara Liggett; two brothers, his twin Emmett Liggett and Kenneth Liggett; and two sisters, Eleanor Belis and Roberta "Bert" Ebert.

Services were held Saturday at Churubusco United Methodist Church. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus, officiated. Burial took place at Scipio Cemetery east of Harlan.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 4, 2006, Wednesday

Nancy Bryie, 85

AVILLA — Nancy Ellen Bryie, 85, of Avilla died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1938 and spent most of her married life in Kendallville.

She was a member of Rehobeth Missionary Church, Albion, where she was active with the Rehobeth Church Ladies Aide. She enjoyed spending time with her family, and was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Albion.

Born in Jefferson Township, Noble County, on Sept. 1, 1920, she was the daughter of William D. and Flossie (Lock) Easterday. She married Jesse W. Bryie on Sept. 7, 1939, in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Tom Day of Springdale, Ohio; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Roger Bryie of Corinth, Miss., Randy and Nancy Bryie of Camarillo, Calif., and Ron and Lynda Bryie of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Toni Arquette of Fairfield, Ohio, Karen Fisher of Springdale, Ohio, and Brett Day of Covington, Ky.; and four great-grandchildren, Justin, Jake and Jesse Day and Zachary Fisher.

In addition to her husband, her parents and a brother, Robert Easterday of Albion, preceded her in death.

Services were Wednesday January 4th at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiated. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to activity programs at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Nancy L. Moore, 74

TIPTON – Nancy L. Moore, 74, of Tipton, died at 5:46 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2006, at Tipton Hospital after an extended illness. She was born July 3, 1931, in LaGrange, Indiana, to George H. & Francis (Reade) Sorg. The family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she attended school until the eleventh grade, returning to LaGrange where she graduated her senior year.

She married Robert Moore on June 23, 1956, and he survives her after almost 50 years of marriage. The couple lived in the Albion area until moving to Tipton in 1969. They still have relatives in the area. She was a homemaker and was formerly employed by Sears Roebuck in Kendallville, Indiana. She was a cook at Miller's Merry Manor in Tipton and was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton.

Survivors include her husband Robert of Tipton; four children, a son Gayle Moore, Massachusetts, a daughter, Robin Cook, Greenfield, Indiana, daughter Wreny Howell, Pendleton, Indiana, and a son Michael Moore, Bradenton, Florida. Nancy also has eight loving grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Nancy was preceded in death by a grandson, Bobby Fortner.

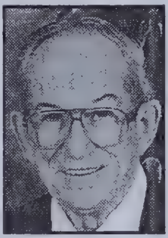
Her funeral was Thursday, January 5, at Young-Nichols Funeral Home, in Tipton, with Rev. Linda Philabaun and Rev. Jack Masters. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46219.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2006, Thursday

Lawrence Whitman

BRYAN, Ohio — Lawrence R. Whitman, 86, of Bryan died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his residence.


Mr. Whitman

Mr. Whitman was an employee of General Motors prior to his retirement and attended Melbern United Methodist Church in Melbern, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 9, 1919, in DeKalb County to Henry A. and Zella (Huntington) Whitman. He married Betty J. Kittredge, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, William and Marilyn Whitman, Donald and Regina Whitman and Jack and Vickie Whitman, all of Bryan, and John and Debby Whitman, of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Marie and Marlin Grimm of West Unity, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Debra Wilson, Steve Grimm, Brenda Jasmund, Marty Whitman, Todd Whitman, Scott Whitman, Kim Pringle, Wendy Schaper, Doug Grimm, Derek Whitman, Kevin Whitman and Erin Whitman; 25 great grandchildren; a brother, Allen Whitman of Bryan; and a sister and brother-in-law, Beulah and John McQuade of Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Hal Whitman; a sister, Zola Whitman; and a grandson, David Grimm.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, with the Rev. Bill Priest officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Melbern United Methodist Church or the Community Hospitals and Wellness Center Hospice program.

Condolences may be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Alice Hayworth

MARION, Iowa — Alice Marie Hayworth, 84, of Marion and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005.

Mrs. Hayworth

While in Kendallville, her husband, Gerald, served as principal at Kendallville Central and North Side Elementary schools.

Her joy in life was in giving to others. She was never happier than when fixing homemade chicken and noodles, holding a friend's hand in the hospital or giving support and encouragement in a difficult situation. Her strong faith sustained her through a lifetime of serious health problems. Her complete confidence in the Lord was an inspiration to all who had the honor of knowing her.

She was born July 14, 1921, to Frank and Rosa (Blake) Branson in Dana, Ind. She married Gerald Hayworth on May 25, 1944. He survives in Marion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marcia and Hal Cary of Tucson, Ariz., and Debbie and Rod Bowen of Cedar Rapids; and three grandchildren and their spouses, Kim Cary of Fort Wayne, and Jennilee and Jason Cordes and Dan and Elissa Bowen, all of Cedar Rapids.

A celebration of her life was held at Squaw Creek Baptist Church in Marion on Friday, Dec. 30, with the Rev. Michael Kleeberger officiating. Private burial took place at Oak Shade Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials are to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America at CCFA Honor & Memorial Gifts, 386 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016-8804 or www.CCFA.org or Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation at 819 Second Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902-2985 or www.RLS.org.

Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.murdochfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2006, Thursday

Lois Skow

LAGRANGE — Lois L. Skow, 83, of LaGrange died at 4:25 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Skow was a homemaker. She had moved to LaGrange County in May 2003 from Clinton, Iowa.

She was a Choir Mother, Sunday school teacher, 50-year member of the Red Cross, Cub Scout den mother, past president of the Longfellow PTA and president of the DeMolay Mothers Club.

Mrs. Skow was also a member of Phi Sigma Alpha sorority, Eagle Point Park Nature Society and involved with Mobile Meals and was RTC captain of Sarah Harding and a member of the YWCA board of directors.

She loved flower arranging, reading and traveling.

Mrs. Skow was born April 27, 1922, in Clinton, Iowa, to Francis Henry and Lydia Marie (Dellit) Hamann. She married Eugene L. Skow on March 24, 1946, in Clinton. He is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Jeff Wingstrom of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gerald Skow of Rogers, Ohio, and Charles and Peg Skow of Coupeville, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, James Skow, on June 29, 1992; and a brother, LaVern Hamann.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Lawn Cemetery in Clinton, Iowa.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Sidney Amstutz

ELKHART — Sidney R. Amstutz, 64, of Elkhart died at 6:48 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, in Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mr. Amstutz worked for the Elkhart Street Department.

He attended Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart.

Mr. Amstutz was born Oct. 17, 1941, in Stark County, Ohio, to Rufus and Clara (Bixler) Amstutz.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Violet and Marvin Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rosalyn Amstutz of Ulysses, Kan.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Ruth Amstutz of Paragon.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Kidron Mennonite Church in Kidron, Ohio. Burial will be in Sonnenberg Cemetery in Wayne County, Ohio.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Nahrwold

AUBURN — Gladys M. Nahrwold, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Nahrwold was a licensed practical nurse and a nurse's aide at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born March 21, 1914, in DeKalb County to William and Loueda M. (Schippmann) Davis. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two nieces, Annetta Matthews of Garrett and Lorie Biber of Bridgeville, Alaska; two nephews, Randy Davis of Anchorage, Alaska, and Dennis Davis of Garrett; five great-nieces; three great-nephews; five great-great-nieces; and four great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul H. Nahrwold; two brothers, Lester and Phillip Earl Davis; and a sister, Violet V. Double.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn or Emmanuel Lutheran Church of New Haven.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 5, 2006, Thursday

Former Citizen of the Year, Helen Chaffee

LIGONIER — Helen B. Chaffee, 91, of Ligonier died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Chaffee had lived in Ligonier since 1948.

Mrs. Chaffee

She had served as secretary-treasurer of the former Ligonier Rubber Co., which her family owned for many years.

Mrs. Chaffee was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, where she was active with the Good Samaritans.

She had served on the Committee on Community Concerns and was a longtime member of the Ligonier Study Club. She had served as secretary for the Noble County United Way Board of Directors and a member of the ad hoc committee for the West Noble Day Care.

She and Elizabeth Miller were instrumental in organizing the Ligonier Senior Citizens Nutrition Site and, in 1982, she was named Ligonier's Woman Citizen of the Year.

Following an active life, she enjoyed walking on the beach at her home in Florida.

She was born Oct. 22, 1914, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Valentine and Anna (Kraatz) Trossbach. She married Clyde V. Chaffee on Oct. 16, 1939, in Cleveland. He died in 1969.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Clifford Chaffee of Syracuse and Charles and Karen Chaffee of Fort Wayne; a sister, Wilma Parker of Syracuse; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today, Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Greencroft Health Care or the hospice of the donor's choice.

Bruce Fuller

HAMILTON — Bruce R. Fuller, 77, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Fuller was born Nov. 22, 1928, in Wolcottville to Verden J. and Hazel Mae (Rodman) Fuller. He was married to Donna Blotkamp on July 1, 1950, in Avilla, and she died on July 31, 1976. He then married Phyllis (Baxter) Aldrich Fuller on April 23, 1978, in Las Vegas, and she survives.

He was a retired foreman for Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., where he worked for 35 years. He moved from Wolcottville to Hamilton 20 years ago.

He was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 of the Free and Accepted Masons, LaGrange.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and William Hackett and Patricia and Randy Merrifield, all of LaGrange, and Peggy and Tom Sutton of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Rio and Kathy Fuller of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Leslie Loucks of LaGrange; a stepson, Kirk Aldrich of Hamilton; his twin brother, Bernard Fuller of Sturgis; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Kenneth Fuller.

Services were at noon Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 5, 2006, Thursday

Violet Owen

Violet Ilene Owen, 88, of rural Sparta Township in Noble County, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at her daughter Cheryl L. Bailey's residence in Goshen.

Mrs. Owen and her husband lived all their adult lives on the family farm in rural Sparta Township south of Kimmell. She spenat her formative years in Green Township.

She was a homemaker.

In Green Township in Noble County, she was born on Oct. 7, 1917, to Wilburt "Jim" and Laura (Diffendarfer) Pippenger. She married Leo Owen on Dec. 14, 1940, in Covington, Ky. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Angie Owen of Ligonier; twin daughters and two sons-in-law, Cherry L. and Marc Troyer and Cheryl L. and Thomas Bailey, all of Goshen; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Owen

In addition to her husband, her parents, a grandson, three brothers and seven sisters preceded her in death.

Services were Monday, January 2 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling was. Sunday, January 1 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care At Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen IN 46527.

Condolences may be sent online at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Josephine Gallup

WOLCOTTVILLE — Josephine Gallup, 90, of Wolcottville died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Gallup had served as assistant postmaster in Brimfield for several years and had assisted her husband on the family farm near Wolcottville.

As a young woman, she worked in her father's general store in Brimfield. She was a 1933 graduate of Rome City High School.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolcottville, where she played the organ and piano for 65 years and was church treasurer.

Mrs. Gallup was a member of the American Baptist Women and involved with Gideons International.

She was an excellent seamstress and loved to garden.

Mrs. Gallup was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Cosperville to Herman and Ruth (Edsall) Frick. She married Walter M. Gallup on March 24, 1940, in Brimfield. He died Nov. 17, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and James Chandler of Fort Wayne and Deborah and Michael Kerr of Indianapolis; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Pam Gallup of Wolcottville and Phillip and Kathy Gallup of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Angela Hawk, Jeffrey Gallup, Michael Chandler, Scott Chandler, Shannon Kerr and Erin Kerr; two stepgrandchildren, Tina Cronkhite and Adrienne Lehner; six great-grandchildren, Christopher and Katelyn Hawk, Nolan, Joseph and Eloise Chandler and Grace Gallup; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Scott and Alyssa Cronkhite.

Mrs. Gallup

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Robert and Burton Frick; and a sister, Marceile Potee.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Michael Maddy and the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Michael Chandler, Scott Chandler, Michael Kerr, James Chandler, Jeffrey Gallup and Scott Cronkhite.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 6, 2006, Friday

Michael Cripe

KENDALLVILLE — Michael Richard Cripe, 39, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Cripe

Mr. Cripe was most recently employed with Prince Manufacturing in Avilla and LDM Technologies in Kendallville.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1985 and served in the United States Navy for three years. He then served in the Naval Reserves in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cripe was active with the local Civil War re-enactment group called the 50th Virginia Co. D.

He enjoyed exploring caves, making Indian crafts and being in the outdoors.

He was born Nov. 8, 1966, in Auburn to Robert Russell and Viola Cathern (Kesner) Cripe.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Cathern and Joe McGinley of Kendallville; a son, Colton Cripe of Kendallville; two daughters, Jessica and Sheyene Cripe, both of Kendallville; a brother, Robert R. Cripe Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va.; and two sisters, Deborah Sue Cripe of Lorton, Va., and Kathyern E. Crone of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2004.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Thomas Clothier officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A second service will be at noon Monday at North Mill Creek Baptist Church in Dorcus, W.Va. Burial will be at North Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Dorcus.

Calling in Dorcus will be two hours prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to North Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jerry Schlemmer

ALBION — Jerry W. Schlemmer, 58, of Albion died at 6:38 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Mr. Schlemmer had worked in maintenance at Meyers for six years.

He was born April 22, 1947, in Wabash to Edward J. and Kathleen (Parrot) Schlemmer. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Angeline McAtee of Albion; a daughter, Angela K. Taylor; and a brother, Danny Schlemmer.

He was also preceded in by a brother, Terry Schlemmer.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Steve Long officiating.

Calling will be from noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Remous Sutton

LAGRANGE — Remous "Slim" Sutton, 70, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sutton

Mr. Sutton was born on Feb. 10, 1935, to Curless and Ada (Bentley) Sutton in Hindman, Ky. They precede him in death.

He had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was an auto mechanic. He had also worked at Goshen Auto Electric.

He was a founding and 40-year member of the former LaGrange Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas and Rita Sutton of Wolcottville and Jeffrey and Tonda Sutton of LaGrange; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jane and Arlo Aalop and Sue and Larry Kreiger, all of San Jose, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Helen and Bob Sutton of San Jose; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Kimothy and Gregory Sutton; and a brother, Tommy Sutton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at the LaGrange First Church of God. Burial will be in Greenwood at a later date.

Memorials are to LaGrange First Church of God.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 7, 2006, Saturday

Grace Aller

ALBION — Grace E. Aller, 102, of Albion died at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a longtime resident of Albion and most recently resided in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Aller

Mrs. Aller was born on Jan. 6, 1904, in Monroe, Wis., to John and Elsie (Prickett) White. She was a lifelong resident of this area.

In June of 1925, she married Austin Carl Aller in St. Joseph, Mich. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and had also worked in several local bakeries. Mrs. Aller was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She enjoyed reading and watching the news on television, and she also enjoyed spending time with her family.

Other survivors include four daughters and three son-in-laws: Carol and Junior Bender of Albion; Marilyn and Jerry Morr of Albion; Linda and Doug Mowrey of Urbana, Ohio; and Phyllis Orr of Tipp City, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Weston Aller.

She had 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 6 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, the Revs. Austin Fergusson and Nancy Fergusson officiating. A committal service will take place at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Richard Allgeier

FORT WAYNE — Richard A. Allgeier, 71, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Allgeier was born in Fort Wayne. He was retired from Tuthill Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Gerrie Allgeier; his mother, Mary Allgeier Bishop of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Kathy Allgeier of Woodburn, Mike Allgeier of Angola and Keith Allgeier of Kentucky; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Don Haire of Angola, Julie and Mike Hindrichs of Woodburn, Debi and John Tigner of Churubusco and Angie and Larry Kline of Woodburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Wanita Allgeier of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcella Mayes.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior.

Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Du Bois

ALBION — Betty L. Du Bois, 72, of Albion died at 12:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at her residence.

She was born in Noble County and lived there all of her life.

Mrs. Du Bois retired with more than 25 years of service at Precision Plastic Injection Molding in Albion and Columbia City. She was also a member of the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Mary and Jim Gray of Kendallville, Gary and Dorren Du Bois of Butler, Larry Du Bois of Garrett and Billy and Mary Du Bois of Calhoun, Ga.; her siblings and their spouses, Jerry and Jan DeLong of Kendallville, Imo Jean Wilson of Albion, Linda DeLong of Albion and Darrel and Nancy DeLong of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Mary Mae (Byrd) DeLong; two sons, Michael and Robert; a brother, Charles DeLong; and a sister, Shirley Cramer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will take place at Rose Hill in Albion.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the services on Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

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January 7, 2006, Saturday

Howard Baker

YORKTOWN — Howard Baker, 91, of Yorktown passed away Jan. 6, 2006, at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born in New Castle to George and Daisy (Houch) Baker on May 5, 1914.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker worked at Borg-Warner of Muncie for 28 years, was a 60-year member of the Yorktown Church of the Nazarene and was an avid golfer and fisherman.

He served his country in the Army during WWII in Germany and in France.

He is survived by his three daughters, Bonnie Dixon and her husband, Marvin, of New Castle, Jackie Boyle of LaGrange and Hazel Lee and her husband, Mike, of Muncie; one brother, Ralph Baker of Yorktown; two grandsons, Jeff Lee and his wife, Tracey, and Andy Lee and his wife, Allison; two granddaughters, Kristi Dixon and Amy Hertsel; five great-grandchildren; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 59 years, Roberta; a son-in-law, Dean Boyle; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Yorktown Church of the Nazarene, 9001 W. Ash St., with the Rev. Chester Pasko officiating. Burial will be in Hawk Cemetery, Yorktown, with military funeral honors to be conducted by the Delaware County Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Parson Mortuary, 801 W. Adams Street, as well as one hour prior to services at the church.

Online condolences can be sent to www.parsonmortuary.com.

Nadine Teegardin

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Former Hamilton resident Nadine Swift Teegardin, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, in Cape Coral, Fla.

She and her first husband, Paul Swift, owned and operated Swift's Funeral Home in Hamilton for more than 40 years. Her second husband, Preston Teegardin, was a farmer in Hamilton. Both her husbands preceded her in death.

She had also resided in Naples, Fla.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Diane (Swift) Taylor and Bill Kerstler of Naples; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Marilyn of Cape Coral; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 31 at East Naples United Methodist Church. Services in Hamilton will be held at a later date.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 8, 2006, Sunday

Orpha Jones

GAS CITY — Orpha L. Jones, 93, of Gas City, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at 12:05 p.m. in Marion General Hospital.

She had retired from Crystal Laundry in Jonesboro after 25 years of service. She enjoyed family, friends, sports and bingo.

She was born south of Swayzee to William and May (Leming) Duncan on Dec. 17, 1912.

She graduated from Swayzee High School in 1930 and married Clarence "Clint" Jones in 1930. He died in 1965.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jay and Minnie Jones, Jim "Sandy" Jones, and Jerry Jones, all of Gas City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Colleen Kreager of Cromwell, Darlene and Emory Cornett of Sweetser, and Lottie and Dave Kendall of LaFontaine; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Edward and Mary Duncan of Sycamore, Homer and Joann Duncan of Alabama, and Wayne Duncan of Anderson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth Sparks of Syracuse and Rebecca and Gordon Nester of Swayzee; 21 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Larry, and two infant sons; one great-granddaughter; one brother, John; two sisters, Martha Parish and Mary Pattison; and a son-in-law, George Kreager.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

Gene Bunn

Mr. Bunn

AVILLA — Gene A. Bunn, 69, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Family members said he touched the life of everyone who knew him. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Dec. 14, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Merle and Viola (Oyer) Bunn. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister and her husband, Velma and Ray Souder of Avilla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale and Janice Bunn of Sardinia, Ohio, and Keith and Dianne Bunn of Conyers, Ga.; several nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Anna Davis of Avilla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with burial at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kylan Hunter Foundation, P.O. Box 225, Ligonier, Ind., 46767.

Condolences may be left at www.nswcares.com.

Henry Carr

GARRETT — Henry F. Carr, 79, of Garrett, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He worked for Dana Corp. 34 years, retiring in 1988. He also was a driver for Pet Milk in Garrett and was a volunteer at the Garrett Recycling Center.

Mr. Carr was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 11, 1926, in Newville Township to Fred and Rosa (Everetts) Carr.

On Oct. 12, 1951, in Garrett, he married FaraLee G. Pearson Wetoskey. She died April 21, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janet Carr of Garrett, Sally Moughler of Auburn, and Dianne and John Riggs of Butler; a sister, AnneBell Thimlar of Florida; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Herb Carr, and a sister, Mary Carr.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley and Pastor Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

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THE NEWS SUN
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January 8, 2006, Sunday

Police investigate death of 1-year-old

BY BILL GISEL
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LIGONIER — A 1-year-old infant was found unresponsive at a rural Ligonier home Saturday afternoon and later pronounced dead at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, police said.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed this morning.

According to a Noble County Sheriff's Department news release, county police dispatchers received a 911 call reporting an unknown problem at 2:23 p.m. Saturday. A second call said an infant was unresponsive. The call reportedly came from a home on Roxanne Lane, about one-half mile south of Ligonier.

Units from the Ligonier Police Department and sheriff's deputies sent to the home called for the assistance of sheriff's detectives to handle the investigation. The baby was transported by Noble County EMS ambulance.

The Noble County coroner's office also is investigating. Results of the investigation into the death of the child will be forwarded to the Noble County Prosecutor's office early next week, according to the news release.

Howard Baker

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Mr. Baker was born May 5, 1914, in Newcastle to George and Daisy (Houch) Baker.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jackie Boyle of LaGrange, Bonnie and Marvin Dixon of New Castle, and Hazel and Mike Lee of Muncie; a brother, Ralph Baker of Yorktown; two grandsons and their wives, Jeff and Tracye Lee and Andy and Allison Lee, two granddaughters, Kristi Dixon and Amy Hertsel, five great-grandchildren, several grand and great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife of 59 years, Roberta; a son-in-law, Dean Boyle; three brothers and two sisters.

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Mrs. Aller

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In June of 1925, she married Austin Carl Aller in St. Joseph, Mich. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and had also worked in several local bakeries. Mrs. Aller was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She enjoyed reading and watching the news on television, and she also enjoyed spending time with her family.

Other survivors include five daughters and four sons-in-law: Carol and Junior Bender of Albion; Marilyn and Jerry Morr of Albion; Linda and Doug Mowrey of Urbana, Ohio; Shirley and Al Miller of Englewood, Ohio, and Phyllis Orr of Tipp City, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Weston Aller.

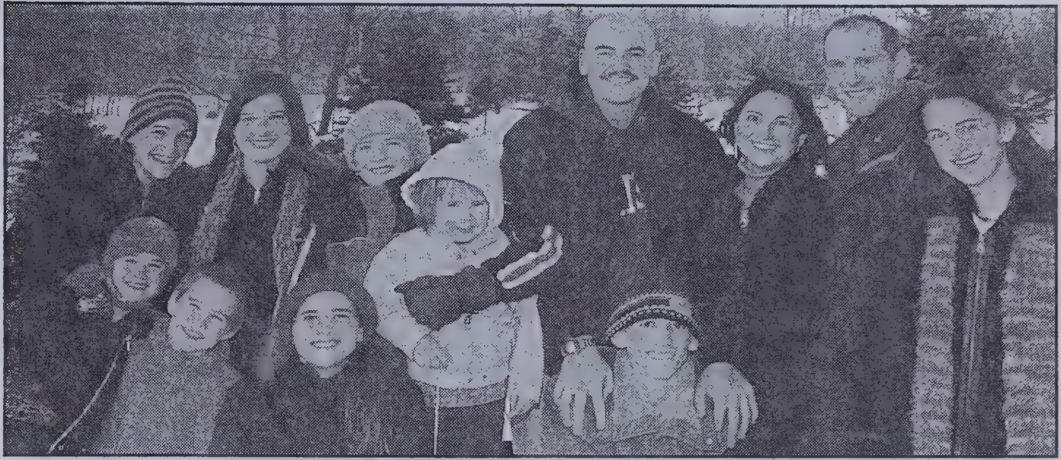
She had 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 6 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, the Revs. Austin Fergusson and Nancy Fergusson officiating. A committal service will take place at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.



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Family friend and Auburn photographer Val Korte visited the Chase family a few days before Johnny's death and took family photos in the backyard. Johnny's big brother, Taylor, had to carry him outside for the photo. Johnny's oxygen tank and mask – a necessity in his last days – were hidden behind him between shots. In front, from left, are Susannah, Colson, Maria and Johnny; in back: Paula, Corrie, Carter holding Bethany, Taylor, Laura and Phil Chase, and Martha.

'I'm going to be with Jesus'

Young cancer victim never lost his hope, faith

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AUBURN — The short life of Phillip J. "Johnny" Chase, Jr. was defined by so much more than the cancer that ravaged his body and, in the end, took his life at the tender age of 15 — three days before Christmas and two days before he would have turned 16.

Johnny

"He had an incredible sense of humor and loved to play practical jokes," said his mother, Laura. "And, almost to the end, he never gave up — he was always planning for his future."

An avid member of the 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Johnny took shotgun classes last fall. He expressed excitement about being able to participate in upcoming competitions this spring, but his mother instinctively knew better.

"I thought, oh no, he's not going to make it to spring," Laura Chase remembers, still gasping and grasping her heart at the thought.

Born number four in a family of 10 children, Johnny was sandwiched between two sets of girls. From a young age he was the girls' favored pet. If they wanted to play house, Johnny served as the husband or the dog, depending on the girls' whims. Many times he would sit for hours while they styled his hair.

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When it was discovered in January 2004 — Johnny had just turned 14 — that he had a rare form of bone cancer and that immediate treatment involved amputation of his left leg, his first words to his parents were, "I'm so glad it's me and not my sisters. I can carry this."

"I thought that was a very courageous thing for him to say," said Laura Chase.

Johnny enjoyed a brief remission of the cancer after his leg was amputated and remained fiercely competitive. He snow- and water-skied on one leg and had ambitions of being able to run once more. Not long after he was fitted with a prosthetic leg, his parents caught him climbing trees in the back yard.

He often told friends and family that he wanted to be a spy, to work for the CIA. He could, he reasoned, "hide a lot of stuff in that leg."

He participated in several theater groups for home-schooled children and appeared in a play last spring where he had to "take a fall."

"He loved it," said his father, Phillip "Phil" John Chase Sr. "He did such a good job that those who knew he had a prosthetic leg were taken aback because they thought the fall was real."

Johnny enjoyed playing computer games with his buddies and family members. When possible and permissible — there was a video limit of 30 minutes a day in the Chase family, but once a week, an "all-outer" was allowed — Johnny and his buddies would battle it out in marathons that would last for hours, sometimes all night.

When he was diagnosed with cancer, his two oldest siblings, Taylor and Corrie, both students at Taylor University, helped set up a Web site and blog to chronicle the family's journey with Johnny's fatal illness on an almost daily basis.

On April 16, 2004, Johnny wrote that he was disappointed because his blood counts were so low that he could not attend a Bible Quiz invitational.

"I can't wait to quiz with the Ducks again!" he wrote.

"The Web site ended up being a wonderful thing," Phil Chase said. "People who were too scared to ask us what was going on or who wanted to know what to do could get on the Web site and find out how to help us and how to pray for us."

Johnny made a decision soon after his first diagnosis not to let depression overcome his life. In his entries on the blog, only once does he express anything remotely close to despair and even then, it was more disappointment. It was the day — June 18, 2005 — he found out the cancer had returned.

"Cancer has struck again," he wrote.

"Well, I guess God hasn't finished teaching me with cancer, yet. It is royally depressing to have cancer, be 'cured' of it, have it again, be 'cured' again, and then have it show up again. I don't believe that God is punishing me ... I believe that he has a greater plan."

Phil Chase, a physician, said his medical background helped the family better maneuver through Johnny's illness.

"My resolution, early on, was to protect Johnny from unnecessary medical misery and to make sure he was free of pain and suffering," he said. "And I'm glad I was able to do that for my son."

Up until his death, Johnny did not want to be a burden to his family. It was very hard for him to ask for help, and he was embarrassed that he was simply too weak to do some things for himself.

"Every time I brought him a glass of water, every time I rubbed his back, every single thing anybody did for him, he never forgot to say thank you," said Laura Chase.

The Christian faith is the mainstay of the Chase household, as the family Web site makes clearly evident. It's what Johnny relied on to carry him to his final destination.

Right before he died — his parents had both sat up with him all night — Johnny woke up, suddenly bright-eyed and excited and said, "I'm going home now. It's awesome. I'm going to be with Jesus." He fell into a restless sleep and died just a few hours later.

His last words gave his family great comfort.

Bible verse John 10:10 also sustained the family through some dark hours: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly."

"We saw that we could travel the path of self-pity, depression and anxiety," Phil Chase said, "but we chose to go down the other path — the one of hope and joy — and so did Johnny."

(The Chase family invites those who are interested to view Johnny's journey of faith at www.johnnychase.org.)

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Autopsy results pending on girl, 1

BY BOB BRALEY
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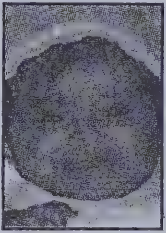
ALBION — Results are pending this morning on the autopsy of a 16-month-old girl from Ligonier who died Saturday.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman said Bianca Guzman apparently drowned in a bathtub at a home on Roxanne Lane, about a half-mile south of Ligonier.



Bianca Guzman

"All indications we have is it was a drowning in a bathtub," Leatherman said.

The sheriff's department received a 911 call at 2:23 p.m. Saturday about an unknown problem at the Roxanne Lane address. A second 911 call indicated there was an unresponsive child.

The girl was pronounced dead at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Police were not releasing many details regarding their investigation into the girl's death.

Leatherman said the case will be turned over to the Noble County Prosecutor's Office, likely today.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said this morning he expected to meet with investigators today. It has not been determined if there are any grounds for charges, he said.

Guzman was the daughter of Jose Tapia Vera and Maria Magdalena Guzman.

No one from the Noble County Coroner's Office was available for comment this morning.

An obituary for Guzman appears on Page A4.

Bianca Guzman

LIGONIER — Bianca Aisha Tapia Guzman, 16 months, of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 2, 2004, in Mishawaka to Jose Tapia Vera and Maria Magdalena Guzman.

Bianca Guzman

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Maya Selena Tapia Guzman; a half brother, Adrian K. Rodriguez; grandparents, Jesus and Maria Guzman of Ligonier and Gregoria Tapia and Estela Vera of Mexico; great-grandparents, Manuel and Andrea Pizana of Ligonier; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Jose Gutierrez, the Rev. Jose I. Vargas and the Rev. Hermilo Cortes officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at Dios De Amor Church, 500 W. Second St., Ligonier, and two hours prior to services Wednesday at Trinity Assembly of God.

Memorials are to the family.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information.*

Henry Carr

GARRETT — Henry F. Carr, 79, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He worked for Dana Corp. 34 years, retiring in 1988. He also was a driver for Pet Milk in Garrett and volunteered at the Garrett Recycling Center.

Mr. Carr was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Newville Township to Fred and Rosa (Everetts) Carr.

On Oct. 12, 1951, in Garrett, he married FaraLee G. Pearson Wetoskey. She died April 21, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janet Carr of Garrett, Sally Moughler of Auburn and Dianne and John Riggs of Butler; a sister, AnneBell Thimlar of Florida; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Huber Carr; and a sister, Mary Carr.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley and Pastor Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Joshua Robbins

FREMONT — Joshua Michael Robbins, 18, of Fremont died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.

Mr. Robbins was born Dec. 8, 1987, in Auburn to Michael David and Kristine (Eber) Robbins. He enjoyed snowboarding, skateboarding and fishing.

Surviving are his mother, Kristine Bisel of Fremont; his father, Michael Robbins of Angola; two brothers, Jordan Robbins and Jacob Bisel, both at home; maternal grandparents, Daniel and Donna McCue of Fremont; paternal grandfather and his wife, David and Laurie Robbins of Belvedere, Tenn.; paternal grandmother and her husband, Shirley and David Cotton of Tower, Minn.; and maternal great-grandmother Helen McEwen of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Patricia Delgado.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Reeley Wiley Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Reeley B. Wiley Jr., 84, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Richard Clouse

AUBURN — Richard D. Clouse, 74, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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Ligonier 16-month-old died of drowning

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ALBION — A 16-month-old Ligonier girl died Saturday of drowning, according to a Noble County deputy coroner.

Bianca Guzman died of asphyxia due to drowning, said deputy coroner Joan Cripe.

"It was an apparent accidental drowning but it's still under investigation," Cripe said. The investigation is by the coroner's office and the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman said Monday that the child apparently drowned in a bathtub at a home on Roxanne Lane, about a half-mile south of Ligonier.

Police were not releasing many details regarding their investigation into the girl's death.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said today that there had been no determination as to whether charges would be filed in the case and what they would be if they were filed.

"We're still attempting to gather information from all the sources that we think might have pertinent information on the case, including Parkview Noble (Hospital)," Clouse said. As soon as that information gathering is complete, a charging decision will be made.

Guzman was the daughter of Jose Tapia Vera and Maria Magdalena Guzman.

The sheriff's department received a 911 call at 2:23 p.m. Saturday about an unknown problem at the Roxanne Lane address. A second 911 call indicated there was an unresponsive child.

The girl was pronounced dead at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Richard Clouse

AUBURN — Richard D. Clouse, 74, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Clouse worked as the assistant superintendent of the water department for the city of Auburn. He retired in 1995 after 46 years of service.

Mr. Clouse

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and American Legion Post 97. He was a U.S. Marines veteran and served in the Korean conflict.

He was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Janesville, Wis., to Worthy T. and Edna (Nitzel) Clouse. They preceded him in death.

On Feb. 22, 1956, in Angola, he married Carolyn L. (Rodebaugh) Clouse. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Teresa Oberlin of Coldwater, Mich., and Thomas and Gwendolyn Clouse of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Timothy Rigsby of Auburn and Cheryl and Kenneth Doan of Garrett; a sister, Kathrian Keesler of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ. John Scott and D.V. Dillinger will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Robert Madajewski

AUBURN — Robert Madajewski, 75, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Madajewski worked at Auburn Foundry for 30 years. He then owned and operated Bob's Bike Repair in Auburn.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Korea.

He was born July 16, 1930, in Auburn to Lou and Ruby (Kessler) Madajewski. They preceded him in death.

On Sept. 11, 1965, in Auburn, he married Delores (Goings) Madajewski. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and John MacDonald of Auburn; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Joanne and Eric Hinman of Waterloo and Jeanne and Stan Smith of Waterloo; and four grandchildren, Madison MacDonald, Landon Hinman, Katie Hinman and Taya Smith.

Graveside services were today at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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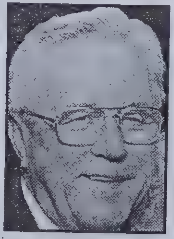
Raymond Burkett

AUBURN — Raymond Alvin Burkett, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at his home.



Mr. Burkett

A former Logansport resident, he moved to Auburn in 1967.

Mr. Burkett worked at United Technologies, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 970th Counter Intelligence Corps.

He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and the Logansport Eagles and was a former member of the Logansport Veterans of Foreign Wars, Logansport American Legion and Logansport Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Walton to Emmett H. and Bertha (Stephenson) Burkett. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary McGuire on May 23, 1944, in Logansport, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie and Kenneth Totten of Logansport and Pam Dove of Auburn; three sisters, Helen Cunningham of Lafayette, Pauline Baber of Logansport and Grace Fry of Camden; five grandchildren, Stephen Carithers of Shoreline, Wash., Scott Carithers and his wife, Dawn, of Lucerne, Shawna Martin and her husband, Chris, of Logansport, Chad Dove and his wife, Erin, of Auburn and Tyler Dove of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren, Chad Totten, Kendra Sprague and her husband, Terry, and Heather Totten, all of Kokomo; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe, Ed, Don, Dave and Cliff Burkett; and a sister, Margaret Snyder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery at Logansport.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Auburn Elks service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Agnes Galey

GARRETT — Agnes "Louise" Galey, 85, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at 7 p.m. in her home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1920, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Arthur and Lucy (Baker) Galey.

She worked for 17 years as a medical records clerk at San Francisco Hospital in Ottumwa. She was a fountain clerk at the Lake Shore Pharmacy in Chicago for 10 years.

She had been a Garrett resident since 1967 and was a member of the Garrett Elks Auxiliary and Garrett American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Ottumwa.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth "Liz" Eberhard of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and six brothers, Daniel, Theodore, Paul, Richard, James and John Galey.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

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Nadine Teegardin

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Former Hamilton resident Nadine Swift Teegardin, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, in Cape Coral.

She and her first husband, Paul Swift, owned and operated Swift's Funeral Home in Hamilton for more than 40 years. Her second husband, Preston Teegardin, was a farmer in Hamilton. Both her husbands preceded her in death.

She had also resided in Naples, Fla.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane (Swift) Taylor and Bill Kersten of Naples; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Marilyn of Cape Coral; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 31 at East Naples United Methodist Church. Services in Hamilton will be held at a later date.

Lisa Sievers

WATERLOO — Lisa Ann Sievers, 47, of Waterloo and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She had been employed at Dana Corp.

Surviving are a daughter, Angel England of Hamilton; two sons, Jason Wallace and Benjamin Wallace, both of Waterloo; two grandchildren, Sierra Wallace and Alex England; her mother, Virginia A. Roberts of Coldwater, Mich.; her father, Jim Sievers of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and two brothers, William Sievers of Portland, Tenn., and Rex Sievers of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

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Reeley Wiley Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Reeley B. Wiley Jr., 84, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

He retired in 1983 from United Technology in Columbia City after 15 years of service.

Mr. Wiley graduated in 1942 from Marion High School and then attended Purdue University for two years. On April 3, 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy and served during World War II until Nov. 2, 1945.

He was a life member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and a 46-year member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Marion and Kendallville.

He was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City, where he served as an usher.

Mr. Wiley was an avid golfer and loved to fish. He also enjoyed mushroom hunting, and he and his wife took an annual trip to Michigan to hunt mushrooms.

He was born June 5, 1921, in Marion to Reeley B. Wiley Sr. and Velma (Phillips) Wiley.

He married Betty Lou Collins on Feb. 14, 1942, in Marion. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marthene and Richard Phend of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Myrna and Tom Wolfe and Sandra and Don Grim, all of Columbia City; three sisters, Helen Richards of Marion, Betty Hudlow of Henderson, Nev., and Dorothy Miller of Fort Collins, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with military honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Burial will be at a later date in Grant Memorial Park in Marion.

Calling will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bernadine Grimm

SEBRING, Fla. — Bernadine Grimm, 97, of Sebring and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005.

Mrs. Grimm moved from Garrett to Sebring in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 11, 1908, in DeKalb County to Carl and Dora (Daniels) Dilgard.

Surviving are her grandchildren, Marsha Banicki Graham of Fort Wayne, Thomas Graham of Indianapolis and Kirk Grimm of Diamond Lake; and a niece, Ruth Wooster of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl C. Grimm; and son, Ross "Ed" Mortorff.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Sebring handled cremation arrangements.

Robert Myers Sr.

AUBURN — Robert G. Myers Sr. has died.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

No other details were available this morning.

Nathalie Van Auken

PLEASANT LAKE — Nathalie Kay Van Auken, 63, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Van Auken was born Oct. 1, 1942, in Butler to Elwood and Eloise (Harris) Chiddister. She married Jack Van Auken on Nov. 26, 1961, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1999.

She was a farmer all her life and was a homemaker. She was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was a 4-H leader for 22 years.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Marcia Van Auken of Pleasant Lake and Tim and Tiffany Van Auken of Reading, Mich; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Matt Bidlack and April and Matt Ridenour, all of Angola; two brothers, Nyal and Lonnie Chiddister, both of Angola; four sisters, Diana White of Angola, Mary Burlew of Pleasant Lake, Janet Ickes of Auburn and Carla Berry of Kernersville, N.C.; and seven grandchildren, Melinda, Kara, Lana, Haven, Kylie, Colt and Brody.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Jack Van Auken 4-H Scholarship Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola or Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

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Nathalie Van Auken

PLEASANT LAKE — Nathalie Kay Van Auken, 63, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Van Auken was born Oct. 1, 1942, in Butler to Elwood and Eloise (Harris) Chiddister. She was married to Jack Van Auken on Nov. 26, 1961, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1999.

She had farmed all her life. She was also a homemaker. She was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was a 4-H leader for 22 years.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Marcia Van Auken of Pleasant Lake and Tim and Tiffany Van Auken of Reading, Mich; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Matt Bidlack and April and Matt Ridenour, all of Angola; two brothers, Nyal and Lonnie Chiddister, both of Angola; four sisters, Diana Waite of Angola, Mary Burlew of Pleasant Lake, Janet Ickes of Auburn and Carla Berry of Kernersville, N.C.; and seven grandchildren, Melinda, Kara, Lana, Haven, Kylie, Colt and Brody.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Jack Van Auken 4-H Scholarship Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola or Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Wanda Ebersole

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda M. Ebersole, 88, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ebersole had been a clerk at the jewelry store at Pokagon State Park in Angola.

Mrs. Ebersole loved working crossword puzzles, reading and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born June 21, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Marie (Wade) Thomas.

Her husband, Jesse M. Ebersole, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Janice Bender of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Diane Ebersole of White Lake, Mich.; grandchildren, Scott Luley, Kurt and Tracy Luley, Delyse and Randy Smith, Jon Ebersole and Jeffery and Karen Ebersole; and great-grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah, Rachael, Austin, Whitney and Jesse Luley, Hayley, Grace and Mason Smith and Jessica Ebersole.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Bruce Luley.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville with Chaplain Roger Olsen officiating.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Roger Bauman

LAGRANGE — Roger S. Bauman, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Bauman had taught at Howe Military School for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the LA Breakfast Club, Classic Cars Club of Camden, Mich., Classic Cars Club and the Angola Car Club.

Mr. Bauman had moved to LaGrange in 1974 from Blissfield, Mich.

He was born July 17, 1947, in Highland Park, Mich., to Marion C. and Dorothy (Whitley) Bauman. They are deceased. He married Patricia Cart on June 7, 1969, in Valentine. She survives.

Also surviving is a brother, Steven C. Bauman of Louisville, Ky.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Russell Hepler and Deacon George Douglas officiating.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Patricia Evans

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Patricia Ann (McKibben) Evans, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Metro Hospital in Cleveland after a five-year battle with ovarian cancer.

Mrs. Evans

She was born May 30, 1930, in St. Clair, Mich., and lived nearly 30 years in Avon Lake, relocating there from Troy, Ohio. She married her husband, John, 53 years ago in Valentine, Ind., on June 14, 1952. He survives.

Mrs. Evans graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She taught in the public schools in Romulus, Mich.; Virginia Beach, Va.; Troy, Ohio, and Avon, Ohio. She also pursued her master's degree at Eastern Michigan University. While at Bowling Green State University, she was a member of Alpha Phi International Sorority and remained active for 50 years, having served at various times as a chapter adviser.

She was an active member of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, serving six years as a deacon. Mrs. Evans enjoyed traveling, gardening and home decorating.

Also surviving are children: Pamela Ann and Dr. Charles Patterson of Grandview Heights, Jacklyn Dey Little of Avon Lake, Sheryl Lynn Stoltz of Chillicothe and John Michael and Linda Ann Evans of Grand Rapids, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. John and Jean McKibben of Valentine; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy Day Stark and Dr. Forrest Stark of Midland, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Martha Swartzlander of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, J. Scott McKibben; her mother, Birdina (Norris) McKibben; and her stepmother, Harriett (Smith) McKibben.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Avon Lake.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with Nicholas Yoda, associate pastor of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Busch Funeral Home in Avon Lake.

Memorials are to the Cleveland Chapter of Out Run Ovarian Cancer or the Avon Lake Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.buschfuneral.com.

Ruth Culler

AUBURN — Ruth L. Culler, 80, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Ellen Welling

CROMWELL — Ellen J. Welling, 81, of Knapp Lake near Cromwell died at 4:55 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at her home. She had been ill one year.

Mrs. Welling had lived at Knapp Lake since 1980. Prior to that, she lived in Muncie and Springport.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Welling was born May 30, 1924, in Paris, Ill., to Marion and Catherine (Giles) Hovis Sr. She married Robert W. Welling on Feb. 2, 1946. He died Nov. 12, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Welling of Muncie and John Welling of Beaver Falls, Pa.; three daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Green of Hawisee, Ark., Sandy Lopez of Melrose Park, Ill., and Billie Welling of Knapp Lake; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Whited of Muncie and Barbara and Calvin Howell of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with her nephew, the Rev. Jack Howe, officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list additional surviving relatives.*

Raymond Burkett

AUBURN — Raymond Alvin Burkett, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Burkett

A former Logansport resident, he moved to Auburn in 1967.

Mr. Burkett worked at United Technologies, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 970th Counter Intelligence Corps.

He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and the Logansport Eagles and was a former member of the Logansport Veterans of Foreign Wars, Logansport American Legion and Logansport Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Walton to Emmett H. and Bertha (Stephenson) Burkett. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary McGuire on May 23, 1944, in Logansport, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie and Kenneth Totten of Logansport and Pam Dove of Auburn; three sisters, Helen Cunningham of Lafayette, Pauline Baber of Logansport and Grace Fry of Camden; five grandchildren, Stephen Carithers of Shoreline, Wash., Scott Carithers and his wife, Dawn, of Lucerne, Shawna Martin and her husband, Chris, of Logansport, Chad Dove and his wife, Erin, of Auburn and Tyler Dove of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren, Chad Totten, Kendra Sprague and her husband, Terry, and Heather Totten, all of Kokomo; seven great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe, Ed, Don, Dave and Cliff Burkett; and a sister, Margaret Snyder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery at Logansport.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Auburn Elks service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Steven Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — Steven E. Pfefferkorn, 46, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had been ill with cancer for several years.

Mr. Pfefferkorn enjoyed working on automobiles.

He was born July 1, 1959, in LaGrange Hospital.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Esther and Archy Pairan of Orland; a son, Adam W. Sumner of Garrett; a daughter, Chasity Pfefferkorn; two sisters, Mary Lou Odell of Glendale, Ariz., and Barbara Sue Wagers of Argos; and four brothers, Donald Ray Pfefferkorn of Angola, Eugene Franklin Pfefferkorn of Auburn, Robert Allen Pfefferkorn of Lake Gage and Tom James Pfefferkorn of Waterloo.

His father, Raymond Pfefferkorn, preceded him in death in 1996. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Rose Marie Pfefferkorn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Garrett.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new details about memorials.*

Agnes Galey

GARRETT — Agnes "Louise" Galey, 85, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at 7 p.m. in her home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1920, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Arthur and Lucy (Baker) Galey.

She worked for 17 years as a medical records clerk at San Francisco Hospital in Ottumwa. She was a fountain clerk at the Lake Shore Pharmacy in Chicago for 10 years.

She had been a Garrett resident since 1967 and was a member of the Garrett Elks Auxiliary and Garrett American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Ottumwa.

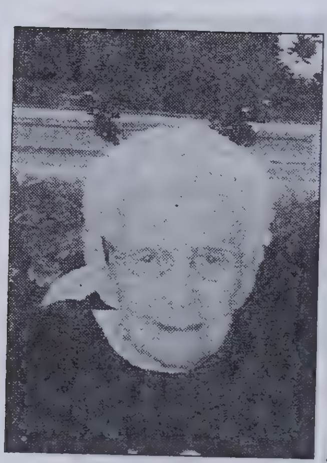
Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth "Liz" Eberhard of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and six brothers, Daniel, Theodore, Paul, Richard, James and John Galey.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic in Garrett.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 11, 2006, Wednesday



Grace Aller, 102

ALBION – Grace E. Aller, 102, of Albion died at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a longtime resident of Albion and most recently resided in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Aller was born on Jan. 6, 1904, in Monroe, Wis., to John and Elsie (Prickett) White. She was a life-long resident of this area.

In June of 1925, she married Austin Carl Aller in St. Joseph, Mich. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and had also worked in several local bakeries. Mrs. Aller was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She enjoyed reading and watching the news on television, and she also enjoyed spending time with her family.

Other survivors include five daughters and four sons-in-law: Carol and Junior Bender of Albion; Marilyn and Jerry Morr of Albion; Linda and Doug Mowrey of Urbana, Ohio; Shirley and Al Miller of Englewood, Ohio, and Phyllis Orr of Tipp City, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Weston Aller.

She had 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, January 8, 2006, at Asbury United Methodist Church. The Revs. Austin Fergusson and Nancy Fergusson officiated. A committal service took place Monday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were handled by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Jerry Schlemmer, 58

ALBION – Jerry W. Schlemmer, 58, of Albion died at 6:38 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Mr. Schlemmer had worked in maintenance at Meyers for six years.

He was born April 22, 1947, in Wabash to Edward J. and Kathleen (Parrot) Schlemmer. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Angeline McAtee of Albion; a daughter, Angela K. Taylor; and a brother, Danny Schlemmer.

He was also preceded death in by a brother, Terry Schlemmer.

Services were held Saturday, January 7, 2006, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Steve Long officiating

Betty Du Bois, 72

ALBION – Betty L. Du Bois, 72, of Albion died at 12:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at her residence.

Mrs. Du Bois was born in Noble County and lived there all of her life. She retired with more than 25 years of service at Precision Plastic Injection Molding in Albion and Columbia City. She was also a member of the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Kim and Jeff Antrup of Auburn, Mary and Jim Gray of Kendallville, Gary and Dorren Du Bois of Butler, Larry Du Bois of Garrett and Billy and Mary Du Bois of Calhoun, Ga.; her siblings and their spouses, Jerry and Jan DeLong of Kendallville, Imo Jean Wilson of Albion, Linda DeLong of Albion and Darrel and Nancy DeLong of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Mary Mae (Byrd) DeLong; two sons, Michael and Robert; a brother, Charles DeLong; and a sister, Shirley Cramer.

Services were held Monday, January 9, 2006, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial took place at Rose Hill in Albion.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were handled by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 11, 2006, Wednesday

Sharon Pankop, 75

CADIZ, Ky – Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz and formerly of Kendallville died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

Mrs. Pankop was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville.

She attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; a son, Dean Pankop of Corunna; three daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., and Jane Pankop of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexander and Christopher Karst of Kendallville, Garbriel of Princeton, Ky., Rose Hill of Auburn, Amber Prentice of Albion and Heath and Zane Pankop of Corunna; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

King Funeral Home in Cadiz is in charge of arrangements.

Idress Miller, 83

AUBURN – Idress M. Miller, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was born near Avilla on June 1, 1922, to Albert J. and Ella M. (Hess) Hoot. She was a 1940 graduate of Avilla High School. She married Richard "Keith" Miller on Jan. 10, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1994.

She worked at DeKalb High School for 13 years in the cafeteria.

Surviving are a son, Richard J. Miller of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Jon Johnson of Angola; a sister, Phyllis Noffze of Avilla; two grandchildren, Brent A. Miller of Bluffton and Tracey Dove of Butler; and four great-grandchildren, Dane and Olivia Miller of Auburn and Collin and Conner Dove of Butler.

Services were held Thursday, January 5, 2006, at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences can be left online at *www.hejohnsonfh.com*.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 11, 2006, Wednesday

Ellen Welling, 81

CROMWELL – Ellen J. Welling, 81, a resident of Knapp Lake near Cromwell, died at 4:55 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at her residence. She had been ill for the past week.

Mrs. Welling was born in Paris, Illinois on May 30, 1924, a daughter of Marion and Catherine (Giles) Hovis, Sr. She moved to Muncie as a child with her parents and was married on February 2, 1946 to Robert W. Welling.

The couple spent part of their adult lives in Springport, and returned to Muncie for a period before moving to Knapp Lake in 1980. She was a homemaker.

Mr. Welling preceded her in death on November 12, 2001.

The surviving relatives include two sons, Robert Welling of Muncie and John Welling of Beaver Falls, Penn.; three daughters, Nancy (Larry) Green of Hawisee, Ark., Sandy Lopez of Melrose Park, Il., and Billie Welling of Knapp Lake; two sisters, Betty Whited of Muncie and Barbara (Calvin) Howell of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Payne; and by four brothers, Marion Hovis, Jr., John Hovis, Tom Hovis, and Abe Hovis.

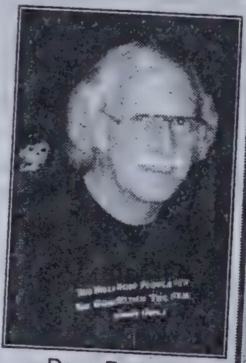
Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2006, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with her nephew Rev. Jack Howe, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Interment will be in the Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at *sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net*.

Family and friends of Dave Dodson



Dave Dodson

I would like to thank all of my family for your comfort and prayers during the illness and loss of my husband, Dave and for your continued support and cards after his passing.

I would also like to thank SouthernCare, Brazzell Funeral Home, Tom Ebbing for his service, the Albion American Legion and the Color Guard for the military graveside services. Roger, Rex, and Ned Shisler, Harry Neff III, Gary Watson and Gilbert Owen for being bearers, and Lisa Shisler for the beautiful song.

May our memories of Dave be with us always and give us strength and comfort.

Renee Dodson

THE NEWS SUN
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Mom charged with felony neglect

Ligonier mother faces 20 to 50 years in death of her 16-month-old daughter

Guzman

NEGLECT: *Guzman was taken to Noble County Jail Wednesday where she is being held without bond*

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — Two felony charges of neglect have been filed against the mother of a 16-month-old Ligonier girl who drowned in a bathtub Saturday, according to the Noble County prosecutor.

Maria M. Guzman, 23 of the 1000 block of Roxanne Lane, Ligonier, is charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, a Class A felony, and neglect of a dependent endangering the life or health of a child, a Class D felony.

The charges stem from the drowning death of Bianca Guzman, 16 months, Saturday.

This sort of offense is hard to comprehend, Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said this morning. "Neglect is a horrible crime, and it's a difficult crime, I think, for any parent to understand."

According to Clouse, Maria Guzman placed both Bianca and her 2-year-old child in the bathtub, then left the residence. She returned about 15 to 20 minutes later to find that the 2-year-old had left the tub and Bianca was floating face down in the water.

Efforts made by Noble County EMS and Parkview Noble Hospital to revive Bianca Guzman were unsuccessful.

The 2-year-old is not alleged to have been injured in any manner, according to the Noble County Prosecutor's Office.

Formal charges were filed Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Noble Superior Court I.

Guzman was taken into custody at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday and transported to the Noble County Jail, where she was held without bond pending an initial hearing today.

The case was investigated by the Noble County Sheriff's Department and Coroner's Office and the Ligonier Police Department.

A Class A felony conviction carries a possible sentence of 20-50 years in prison and a possible fine of up to $10,000. A Class D felony has a sentencing range of six months to three years of incarceration and a fine of up to $10,000 with a conviction.

THE NEWS SUN
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Cromwell woman pleads guilty in pedestrian's death

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Cromwell woman pleaded guilty today to charges in the death of a pedestrian and the injury of two others along Cromwell Road last summer.

Candy J. Hill, 30, pleaded guilty in Noble Circuit Court to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated resulting in death, a Class C felony, and two counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated resulting in serious bodily injury, both Class D felonies.

The plea agreement leaves sentencing open to Judge David Laur, except that all sentences must be served at the same time.

A Class C felony is punishable by two to eight years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine.

Misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, dangerous driving, operating a motor vehicle with at least a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content, and an infraction of operating a vehicle without proof of financial responsibility were dismissed in the plea agreement.

At about 9 p.m. on Aug. 19, 2005, Hill drank a mixed drink with vodka, then drove on Cromwell Road in Noble County where she struck three individuals.

Travis Williams, 24, of Pierceton was killed.

Ruby Rookstool, 18, of Cromwell, and Heather Scrivens, 22, of Syracuse, were injured.

Hill was given a Breathalyzer test at the time, and tested 0.12 percent blood alcohol content.

While testifying in court, Hill cried but was able to complete her testimony.

Sentencing for Hill is scheduled for Feb. 9 in Noble Circuit Court.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Ellen Welling

CROMWELL — Ellen J. Welling, 81, of Knapp Lake near Cromwell died at 4:55 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at her home. She had been ill one week.

Mrs. Welling had lived at Knapp Lake since 1980. Prior to that, she lived in Muncie and Springport.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Welling was born May 30, 1924, in Paris, Ill., to Marion and Catherine (Giles) Hovis Sr. She married Robert W. Welling on Feb. 2, 1946. He died Nov. 12, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Welling of Muncie and John Welling of Beaver Falls, Pa.; three daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Green of Hawisee, Ark., Sandy Lopez of Melrose Park, Ill., and Billie Welling of Knapp Lake; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Whited of Muncie and Barbara and Calvin Howell of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with her nephew, the Rev. Jack Howe, officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Kathryn Bowers

HAMILTON — Kathryn Bowers, 76, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bowers

She was born March 6, 1929, in Troy Township northeast of Butler to Donald and Helen (Everetts) Casebere.

A 1947 graduate of Butler High School, she worked for Marshall Clothing, Bohn Aluminum and General Telephone. She belonged to the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She married Leon C. Bowers in October 1971 in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Ron Vanover of Sellersburg and Amy and Brian Dutkiewicz of Hamilton; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Deb Meyer of Hamilton, Daniel and Terri Bowers of Goshen and Daryl and Katie Bowers of Soldotna, Alaska; one brother, Nile Casebere of Montgomery, Ala.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Dean.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Eric Stoops of the Hamilton United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Ruth Culler

AUBURN — Ruth L. Culler, 80, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Culler

Mrs. Culler worked for 14 years as a bookkeeper for Maintenance on Wheels in Butler. She then worked at the welfare department for 20 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, where she directed the choir for 50 years.

She was born Dec. 7, 1925, in Garrett to Fred H. and Emma Marie (Gieser) Brinkman.

She married Keith Culler on Feb. 9, 1947. He died March 23, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven Lee and Cathy Culler of Butler, Paul and Susan Culler of Hudson and Sam and Rene Culler of Spencerville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Seldon Bradley of Zionsville and Rosemary and Keith Henderson of Hamilton; two sisters, Juanita Rhodes of Garrett and Betty Smith of Holland, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, Eric Culler, Jedd Culler, Reid Culler, Nathan Culler, Angela Dangler, Adam Henderson, Kory Henderson, Penny Penick, Heather Perkins, Matthew Culler, Mikayla Culler and Danielle Kump; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Paul Brinkman; and a granddaughter, Rachel Culler.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

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Donald Anderson

WAWAKA — Donald L. Anderson, 79, of Wawaka died at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Anderson

Mr. Anderson had moved to Noble County 30 years ago from Fort Wayne.

He had been an electrical engineer for Franklin Electric and had been awarded patents for electrical controls.

He was a charter, senior and life member of the Fort Wayne Sail & Power Squadron and a past commander of the U.S. Power Squadron, District 29.

He was also a member and past master of Ligonier Masonic Lodge No. 185, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Stone's Trace Historical Society.

Mr. Anderson was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He had served as a volunteer at the Ligonier Radio Museum and enjoyed camping, boating, hunting, fishing, skiing and traveling to Alaska.

He was born May 25, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Howard and Eileen (Wager) Anderson. He married Betty Rose Reed on June 7, 1947, in Fort Wayne. She died in 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Pat Anderson of North Royalton, Ohio, and Neil K. and Linda Anderson of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jerry Folsom of Wolcottville; a brother, James Anderson of Fort Worth, Texas; his companion, Norma Bitner of Ligonier; and grandchildren, Skip, Dane, Troy and Cody Harmeyer, Jennifer Thames and Bradley Anderson.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, the Rev. Edward Anderson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Maddy officiating. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Noble County Relay for Life.

Margaret Nelson

DENVER, Colo. — Margaret A. Nelson 61, of Denver died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, after a six-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Nelson was born on July 2, 1944, in Detroit to William N. and Rita Thompson. She was married to Dennis (Fox) Nelson.

Surviving are her mother in Angola; two brothers, Bill Jr. of Belleville, Mich., and John of Garrett; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Glenn and Helen Nelson of Rockwell City, Iowa; and three sisters-in-law, Elaine Thorland of Cannon Falls, Minn., Andrea Kuhn of Gowrie, Iowa, and Jolene Rasty of Lohrville, Iowa.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at BridgeWay Church in Denver. A reception will follow the services.

Memorials are to BridgeWay Church's Margaret Nelson Memorial Fund.

Robert Myers Sr.

AUBURN — Robert Myers Sr., 85, formerly of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Casper Home in Plymouth.

Mr. Myers

Born in DeKalb County, he served as an agent with Prudential Life Insurance for five years, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge in Auburn and the American Legion Post in Auburn and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Cliff and Terri Myers of Plymouth, Andrew and Joy Myers of Greenville, S.C., Robert and Sherri Myers of North Beach, Calif., Aubrey and Julie Gouvelia of Muncie and Gordon E. and Sherry Gouvelia of Crown Point; a daughter, Joan C. Snider of Fort Myers, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton and Ellie Myers of Greenfield and Kenneth and Sonia Myers of Ocala, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Thelma Myers of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amelia; his father, Guy Myers, and mother, Gladys (Grogg); and two brothers, Garold Myers and Ralph Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 12, 2006, Thursday

Prosecutor: Mom left babies in tub, then left house

Charges filed in death of 16-month-old girl

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ALBION — A Ligonier woman whose 16-month-old child drowned in a bathtub Saturday has been charged with two counts of felony neglect of a dependent, after she allegedly left the house after placing her babies in a bathtub.

The charges were announced Wednesday by Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse against Maria M. Guzman, 23, Ligonier.

The formal charges were filed in Noble Superior Court, Division I, at approximately 11 a.m. Wednesday. Superior Court Judge Stephen Spindler reviewed the Affidavit for Probable Cause and then issued a warrant for the arrest of Guzman

Judge Spindler granted a request by Clouse to seal the warrant until Guzman had been placed into custody. Judge Spindler also ordered that the Ligonier woman be held without bail until she appears in front of him for an initial hearing.

At 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Guzman was taken into police custody without incident and transported to the Noble County Jail, according to Clouse. Guzman was expected to appear for her initial hearing today, Thursday, January 12, 2006. The exact time of her initial hearing was not released.

The two neglect charges stem from the incident Saturday at the Guzman residence, where the woman's one-year-old daughter, Bianca, died and another daughter, age two, is alleged to have been left unattended by Guzman.

According to the Affidavit of Probable Cause filed Wednesday, the one-year-old daughter died of asphyxia due to drowning. The allegations made by the Prosecutor's Office are that Guzman placed her two daughters in a bathtub and then left the residence.

According to the Affidavit, which was signed by Detective Joe Hutsell of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Guzman returned to the residence approximately fifteen to twenty minutes after leaving the children in the bathtub. At that time, according to Detective Hutsell's affidavit, Guzman discovered her two year old daughter was out of the bathtub and that her one year old daughter was floating face down in the bathtub water.

Efforts made by the Noble County EMS and Parkview Noble emergency room staff to save the life of Bianca were unsuccessful. The two-year-old allegedly was not harmed in any manner or to have sustained any injury.

The first count of neglect, which alleges that the actions of Guzman resulted in the death of her one year old daughter, is a class A felony, which carries with it the possibility of 20 to 50 years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine if convicted. The second count, which alleges that Guzman placed her one year old daughter in a situation that endangered the life or health of the child, is a class D felony, which carries with it the possibility of 6 months to 3 years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine if convicted.

The sheriff's department received a 911 call at 2:23 p.m. Saturday about an unknown problem at the Roxanne Lane address. A second 911 call indicated there was an unresponsive child.

The girl was pronounced dead at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

The incident has been investigated by the Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Ligonier Police Department, along with the Noble County Coroner's Office.

Bianca's father was Jose Tapia Vera, and he was not charged in connection with the death.

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Bianca Guzman
Her obituary follows.

Bianca Guzman

Bianca Aisha Tapia Guzman was born Sept. 2, 2004, in Mishawaka to Jose Tapia Vera and Maria Magdalena Guzman.

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Maya Selena Tapia Guzman; a half brother, Adrian K. Rodriguez; grandparents, Jesus and Maria Guzman of Ligonier and Gregoria Tapia and Estela Vera of Mexico; great-grandparents, Manuel and Andrea Pizana of Ligonier; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were Wednesday at Trinity Assembly of God, with the Rev. Jose Gutierrez, the Rev. Jose I. Vargas and the Rev. Hermilo Cortes officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Donald Anderson, 79, of Wawaka

Services for Donald Anderson, 79, of Wawaka will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Visitation is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Anderson died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at 8:15 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital.

A full obituary for Mr. Anderson will be in Thursday's News-Sun and next week's Advance-Leader.

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Orpha Jones

GAS CITY — Orpha L. Jones, 93, of Gas City, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at 12:05 p.m. in Marion General Hospital.

She had retired from Crystal Laundry in Jonesboro after 25 years of service. She enjoyed family, friends, sports and bingo.

She was born south of Swayzee to William and May (Leming) Duncan on Dec. 17, 1912.

She graduated from Swayzee High School in 1930 and married Clarence "Clint" Jones in 1930. He died in 1965.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jay and Minnie Jones, Jim "Sandy" Jones, and Jerry Jones, all of Gas City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Colleen Kreager of Cromwell, Darlene and Emory Cornett of Sweetser, and Lottie and Dave Kendall of LaFontaine; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Edward and Mary Duncan of Sycamore, Homer and Joann Duncan of Alabama, and Wayne Duncan of Anderson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth Sparks of Syracuse and Rebecca and Gordon Nester of Swayzee; 21 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Larry, and two infant sons; one great-granddaughter; one brother, John; two sisters, Martha Parish and Mary Pattison; and a son-in-law, George Kreager.

Services were Monday in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Gas City, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

Memorials are to the Kylan Hunter Foundation, P.O. Box 225, Ligonier, Ind., 46767.

Condolences may be left at www.nswcares.com.

Ellen Welling

KNAPP LAKE — Ellen J. Welling, 81, a resident of Knapp Lake near Cromwell, died at 4:55 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at her residence. She had been ill for the past week.

Mrs. Welling was born in Paris, Illinois on May 30, 1924, a daughter of Marion and Catherine (Giles) Hovis, Sr., She moved to Muncie as a child with her parents. On Feb. 2, 1946, she wed Robert W. Welling.

The couple spent part of their adult lives in Springport, and returned to Muncie for a period, before moving to Knapp Lake in 1980. She was a homemaker.

Mr. Welling preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 2001.

Surviving relatives include two son, Robert Welling of Muncie, and John Welling of Beaver Falls, Pa; three daughters: Nancy (Larry) Green of Hawisee, Ark.; Sandy Lopez of Melrose Park, Ill.; and Billie Welling of Knapp Lake; two sisters, Betty Whited of Muncie, and Barbara (Calvin) Howell of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Payne; and by four brothers, Marion Hovis Jr., John Hovis, Tom Hovis and Abe Hovis.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Sheets and Child Funeral Home in Churubusco, with her nephew, Rev. Jack Howe, officiating. The family will receive callers in the funeral home today, Thursday, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Interment will be in the Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent by email to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchild.net.

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City girl, 15, hit, killed by train

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — A 15-year-old Kendallville girl was killed late Thursday night when struck by a train between the Riley Street and Park Avenue railway crossings.

An initial investigation indicates the girl, identified by police as South State Street resident Tricia Stevens, was standing beside the tracks 400 to 500 feet east of the Riley Street crossing when she was struck by an eastbound freight train, according to Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley.

"There is no indication it was a suicide," he said.

Wiley also said that at this point in the investigation there was no suggestion of foul play.

At 11:23 p.m. two male juveniles reported to police a pedestrian had been struck by a train in the Park Avenue railway crossing area. Kendallville police, Noble County EMS and Kendallville firefighters rushed to the scene, according to Kendallville police Sgt. John B. Dixon, who was on duty at the time.

Police found the girl's body approximately where she was struck by the train. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's office and Noble County EMS.

The train engineer apparently saw her standing beside the tracks just prior to impact but couldn't stop the train in time to avoid hitting her, according to Wiley. "It's dark in that area. There is no lighting," he said.

The two juveniles who reported the incident were with the victim at the time.

An autopsy is scheduled in Allen County.

Norfolk Southern Railroad police are assisting Kendallville police with the investigation.

Indiana State Police and Avilla police assisted with the investigation late Thursday.

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Walter Willsie

LONDON, Ontario — Walter J. "Bud" Willsie, 81, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, in London Health Sciences Center in the Canadian city of London, Ontario.

He served in the Canadian Navy during World War II and was a graduate of the University of Toronto in 1951. He was a retired manager of Clevite Tenneco and formerly lived in Painesville, Ohio, and Angola. He was past president of the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club in St. Thomas, Ontario, and served on the board of directors for Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. He was very active in Steuben County United Way.

He was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, on Dec. 30, 1925, to Walter and Lillian (Hart) Willsie.

Surviving are his wife, Reona L. Lee Blaxall Willsie, of London, Ontario; two sons, Kenneth Jeffery Willsie of London, Ontario, and Jerold Gregory Willsie of Florida; a sister, Jean Elizabeth McManus of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Kim Berley and May Willsie; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Donald A. Willsie.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home, 45 Elgin St., St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Burial will be in Union Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jimmie Lindabury

AUBURN — Jimmie Lee Lindabury, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at his daughter's home in Garrett.

Mr. Lindabury drove trucks for IGA, General Electric and Stanadyne, retiring in 1985. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born May 4, 1935, in Atoka, Okla., to Fred and Zettie (Locke) Lindabury. They preceded him in death.

He married Elberta Leavell on April 18, 1959, in Prescott, Ariz. She died July 5, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, James Lindabury of Auburn and Loren and Ruth Lindabury of Great Falls, Mont.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanna and Steven Shaver of Auburn and Elizabeth Tarlton and James Tarlton Jr. of Garrett; three sisters, Ruby Thompson of Prescott, Ruthie Depetris and Nancy Gilbert of Bluff City, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Harold Irven

FORT WAYNE — Harold D. Irven, 79, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at his home.

Born in Auburn, he was employed for 30 years at International Harvester, retiring in 1982. He loved fishing.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Teresa Irven of Columbia City and David and Jeanice Irven of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlene and Walt Grim and Annette Irven, all of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Dortha Irven of Okeechobee, Fla.; a sister, Dorthy Dominguez of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Irven, in 1982.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Wendell Krafft

ST. JOE — Wendell Krafft, 73, of St. Joe died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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William Cummings Sr.

FREMONT — William A. Cummings Sr., 74, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had retired as a machine operator for Metaldyne in Fremont. He enjoyed his family, crossword puzzles, remote-control cars and building radio-control airplanes. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Dec. 21, 1931, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Levi C. and Nora S. (Bennett) Cummings. On Feb. 15, 1955, he married Connie Mae Turnbull. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three daughters, Nellie Rowe and Louella Parrish, both of Angola, and Connie Nelson of Fremont; four sons, George Cummings of Fort Wayne, William Cummings Jr. of Angola and Jesse Cummings and John Cummings, both of Fremont; a brother, Glenn Cummings of Shelby, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery with graveside military rites by the Orland American Legion.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the family.

Philip Yeaney

ORLAND — Philip R. Yeaney, 61, of Orland died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He was a machine operator at General Aluminum in Fremont. A 1962 graduate of East Forest High School in Marlenville, Pa., he was a U.S. Navy veteran who served on the USS America aircraft carrier. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and enjoyed a full life, including his family, woodworking, remodeling and animals, including his cat, Pete.

He was born Jan. 7, 1945, in Brookville, Pa., to Mervin Abraham and Charlotte Belle (Singer) Yeaney.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Philip E. and Lesa Yeaney of Albion and Richard A. Yeaney of Jasper, Ga.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Leonard Hetrick of Marlenville, Pa., Cheryl and Douglas Yackovich of Columbus, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Mervin and Agnes Yeaney of Waynesburg, Pa., Larry and Judy Yeaney of Belleville, Mich., Duane and Helen Yeaney of Marlenville, Pa., and Roger Yeaney of Toledo, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with military rites by the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to an organization of the donor's choice.

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Terrill Becker Sr.

MESA, Ariz. — Terrill Dean "Terry" Becker Sr., 62, of Mesa and formerly of Ligonier died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Becker

Mr. Becker moved to Arizona 25 years ago from Ligonier. While in Ligonier, he had been a partner with Paul R. Becker & Sons. After moving to Arizona, he was associated with Honeywell, Boeing (McDonnell-Douglas), Westin Engineering and TRW Safety Systems. His most recent position was as a facilities engineer with Arizona State University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and had been a member of the U.S. Army Band.

Mr. Becker was a member of the First Church of the Brethren in West Phoenix, Millersburg American Legion and had been a member of the Ligonier JCs.

He had volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and various building projects sponsored by his church. He enjoyed classic cars, amateur photography, tubing down the Salt River and off-roading.

Mr. Becker was born Oct. 17, 1943, in Kendallville to Paul R. and Lucille (Frick) Becker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terrill Dean "Casey" Jr. and Kelli Becker of Bristol; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Dick Rohrer of Millersburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Tana Becker of Ligonier and Lyle and Nancy Becker of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Jacqueline and Michael Sparks of Ligonier; his stepmother, Kathryn Becker of Sebring, Fla.; a stepbrother and his wife, Mark and Ruth Bontrager of Fort Wayne; three stepsisters and their husbands, Brenda Falconer of Rockford, Ill., Deborah and James Lotz of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Victoria and Robert Jensen of Georgetown, Texas; four grandchildren, Eva Rohrer, Kane Rohrer, Conner Becker and Kellan Becker; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Verne Leininger of Wawaka Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

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Train accident victim 'a sweet kid'

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Tricia Stevens

Tricia Stevens was ready to start new job

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Tricia Stevens was excited about starting a part-time job on Monday.

Late Thursday night the 16-year-old East Noble High School sophomore and Kendallville resident was struck and killed by a train on the tracks between the Riley Street and Park Avenue railway crossings.

"It was a shock to many students and staff," said East Noble principal Ann Linson on Friday. "She had a close group of friends but touched the lives of many students."

Stevens' death was announced at school on Friday, and the school corporation's crisis intervention team was on hand to counsel grieving students.

Becky Sekete, an East Noble special needs teacher, taught Stevens for two years and arranged the part-time job for her at the McDonald's Restaurant in Avilla through the school's work-study program.

"She worked hard and was helpful to others," said Sekete, who worked with Stevens because of her vision impairment. "She smiled a lot but was quiet. We're learning she had more friends than we realized."

Jeff Gilbert, an East Noble special needs teacher who taught Stevens for a brief time, described her Friday as "just a sweet kid. She tried hard in school. It's a sad day here today."

According to Kendallville police, at 11:23 p.m. two male juveniles reported a pedestrian had been struck by a train in the Park Avenue railway crossing area.

Police found the girl's body 400 to 500 feet east of the Riley Street crossing where it was apparently struck by the eastbound freight train, according to Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office and Noble County EMS.

An autopsy was scheduled in Allen County.

There is no indication of foul play, according to Wiley.

The train engineer apparently saw the figure of Stevens standing beside the tracks just prior to impact but couldn't stop the train in time to avoid hitting her, said Wiley.

Rudy Husband, Norfolk Southern director of communications, said Friday the distance and speed of trains is difficult to judge with the naked eye, especially at night. "It can be an optical illusion, and look like the train is

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VICTIM: *Trains can't stop quickly*

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standing still when it is moving up 60 mph through Kendallville." A freight train traveling at 60 mph can take up to a mile to stop, added Husband.

He would not comment on whether or not the train engineer had blasted the horn as a warning. The train stopped and blocked the Park Avenue crossing for about three hours while investigators were at the scene.

According to the Federal Railroad Administration, 482 people lost their lives when struck by trains in 2004 in the U.S. In Indiana the figure was 12 in 2004. Through October 2005 a total of 11 people had lost their lives on railroad property in Indiana.

Railroad property is private property and violators can be charged with trespassing, said Husband.

Miss Stevens' obituary is on Page A4 of today's edition.

Tricia Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Tricia R. Stevens, 16, of Kendallville died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in Kendallville.

Miss Stevens

Miss Stevens was a sophomore at East Noble High School. She worked for McDonald's Restaurant in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 23, 1989, in Kendallville to Micky N. and Michelle (Mullins) Stevens.

Miss Stevens is survived by her mother, Michelle Stevens of Kendallville; her father, Micky N. Stevens of Albion; her grandparents, Beauford and Lois Mullins of Avilla, Gwen Cales of Orange, Texas, and Gary Stevens of Kendallville; and three brothers, Justin Stevens and Joshua Stevens, both of Kendallville, and Joseph Stevens of Avilla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Marie Stroh

BRONSON, Mich. — Marjorie A. Stroh, 74, of Bronson died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

She first worked at the former Shaw Shoe Factory in Coldwater, Mich., then at Trans-A-Gram in Sturgis, Mich., but mostly at the Brighton Mushroom Farm in Brighton, where she worked for many years, retiring in 1991 at age 60. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Orland, and enjoyed her flower gardens and loved to go shopping.

She was born June 15, 1931, in Kinderhook Township, Mich., to Kenneth F. and Leola (Langstaff) Smith. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1949, and married Kenneth Stroh on July 14, 1951, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1995. Her parents and an infant sister are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn Dotts of Fremont and Beverly and Rick James of Lusby, Md.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Kathy Stroh of Bronson, Mich., and Franklin and Brenda Stroh of Orland; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, with the Rev. Rodger Strong of the Orland Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the Orland Church of the Nazarene. Condolences can be left for the family at www.kolcz.com.

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Wendell Krafft

ST. JOE — Wendell "Ben" H. Krafft, 73, of St. Joe died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Krafft

Mr. Krafft worked for Jiggs Motor Service in St. Joe for 17 years. He then worked as a road test engineer for Navistar in Fort Wayne for 28 1/2 years, retiring June 30, 1994.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and American Legion Post 202 in Butler, served on the Legion Honor Guard and was co-chairman of the St. Joe Pickle Fest. He was a beekeeper and sold Krafft's Honey for several years. He loved to restore cars and was an avid hunter, fisherman and mushroom hunter.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in the 59th Field Artillery from 1953 to 1955.

He married Sandra McCann on June 21, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Debra Krafft of St. Joe and Chris and Judy Krafft of St. Joe; his mother-in-law, Effiebel (Freeburn) McCann of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gerald and Jennie Krafft of Auburn and Dale Krafft of St. Joe; a sister, Marlene McKinley of Angola; and four grandchildren, Caramee, Benjamin, Ethan and Nathaniel Krafft.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mildred Banek.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Merle R. Holden, the Rev. Paul Row and Rod Laux officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe, the St. Joe Church of Christ or the American Cancer Society.

Edna DeBrular

BURKE, Va. — Edna Mae Beers DeBrular, 91, of Burke and formerly of Fort Wayne and Fort Myers, Fla., died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va.

Mrs. DeBrular

Before retirement, Mrs. DeBrular worked for the Allen County Voters Registration Office.

A graduate of Cromwell High School, she was a 50-year member of O.E.S. Star of the East Chapter, a Girl Scout leader, a lifelong Methodist, an active Republican and a licensed practical nurse.

Mrs. DeBrular was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Orvas Edward and Margery May (Adair) Beers.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Naomi and Roger Foote of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Nancy and Fred Richardson of Falls Church, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, James Michael and Laura DeBrular of Fairfax, Va.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Helen Beers of Gray Count, S.C.; and a brother-in-law, John Thomas DeBrular and his wife, Geraldine, of Cromwell.

Mrs. DeBrular was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, James E. DeBrular; and four brothers, Vance Beers, Joseph Beers, Dale Beers and Orvas Beers.

Services will be today at Burke United Methodist Church, Burke, Va.

National Funeral Home, Falls Church, Va., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 North Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60635 or donor's choice.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information about surviving relatives.*

Robert Myers Sr.

AUBURN — Robert Myers Sr., 85, formerly of Auburn, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Casper Home in Plymouth.

Mr. Myers

Born in DeKalb County, he served as an agent with Prudential Life Insurance for five years, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge in Auburn and the American Legion Post in Auburn and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Cliff and Terri Myers of Plymouth, Andrew and Joy Myers of Greenville, S.C., Robert and Sherri Myers of North Beach, Calif., Aubrey and Julia Gouveia of Muncie and Gordon E. and Sherry Gouveia of Crown Point; a daughter, Joan C. Snider of Fort Myers, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton and Ellie Myers of Greenfield and Kenneth and Sonia Myers of Ocala, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Thelma Myers of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amelia; his father, Guy Myers, and mother, Gladys (Grogg); and two brothers, Garold Myers and Ralph Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information about surviving relatives.*

Steven Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — Steven Eric Pfefferkorn, 46, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a battle with cancer.

Mr. Pfefferkorn enjoyed working on automobiles.

He was born July 1, 1959, in LaGrange to Raymond and Esther Leas Pfefferkorn.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Archie and Esther Pairan; a son, Adam W. Sumner of Garrett; four brothers, Eugene Pfefferkorn of Auburn, Robert Pfefferkorn of Angola, Thomas Pfefferkorn of Waterloo and Donald Pfefferkorn of Angola; two sisters, Mary O'Dell of Glendale, Ariz., and Barbara Wagers of Argos; two stepbrothers, Roger Pairan of Shipshewana and Ronnie Pairan; and several nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Pfefferkorn, in 1996; and a sister, Rose Marie Pfefferkorn.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Garrett.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

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Loretta Hastreiter

ROME CITY — Loretta T. (Bricher) Hastreiter, 92, of Rome City died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, in the home of her daughter, Sister Joan, in Warsaw.

Mrs. Hastreiter

Mrs. Hastreiter was born July 22, 1913, in rural Portland, Jay County, to Anthony and Elizabeth (Laux) Bricher.

She moved to Rome City in 1929 to work in housekeeping and the dining room at Kneipp Springs. She married John Hastreiter at Mother of Mercy Chapel, Kneipp Springs, on Sept. 26, 1933.

For over 30 years, the couple operated the Rock Haven Gift Shop and fountain service at Kneipp Springs. Their gift selection was supplemented with guest towels, aprons and items designed and made by Mrs. Hastreiter. After retirement, the couple raised organic strawberries and raspberries for selling.

Mrs. Hastreiter was a lifelong member of St. Gaspar Parish and belonged to the Altar Society. She was a woman of great faith and frequently went to daily Mass. She worked at the Fancy Fair and was known for her raspberry jam for diabetics, angels and centerpieces. When in Warsaw, she participated at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Guadalupe churches.

As a young mother, she was well-liked by the neighborhood children and remembered for her theme birthday parties, her welcoming patience and meals where she served food raised and prepared by her. Her fried chicken was also a favorite with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Hastreiter enjoyed cards and played in a bridge club with many of the Rome City teachers.

She had warm memories of her childhood, including working the fields with her dad, her one-room schoolhouse, swimming in the gravel pits on the family farm and adventures with her siblings.

Mrs. Hastreiter was assisted in her last days by Hospice of Kosciusko.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Don Hastreiter of St. Mary's, Ohio, Joe and Linda Hastreiter of Kewauknee, Wis., Jim Hastreiter of Mahtomedi, Minn., and Shelba Hastreiter of New Haven; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sister Joan, S.S.J., of Warsaw, Carol and Tom Hoffelder of Coon Rapids, Minn., Jane and Don Farrelly of Grosse Point Woods, Mich., and Sue and Jeff Hughes of Hugo, Minn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Miki Bricker; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine and Arden Pease of Avilla and Aggie and Bus Faller of Fort Recovery, Ohio; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Hastreiter was preceded in death by her husband in 2000; three sons, Bobby Hastreiter, Dick Hastreiter and Jack Hastreiter; her parents; six brothers, Nicholas Bricker, Cyril Bricker, Louis Bricker, Joe Bricker, Dutch Bricker and the Rev. Charles Bricker, C.P.P.S.; and a sister, Mary Long.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Gaspar del Buffalo Catholic Church, Rome City. The Rev. Matthew Jozefiak, C.P.P.S., will officiate.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to the Mass Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw.

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Mrs. Van Auken was a gentle helper

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Nathalie Van Auken is pictured with her granddaughter Kylie Bidlack and Lucy from the Charlie Brown comic strip.

PLEASANT LAKE — Nathalie Van Auken's daughters, Linda Bidlack and April Ridenour, both agreed that in most of their childhood memories, their mother and father were pretty much always together.

"Dad farmed and Mom was a homemaker, so they were together all the time," Linda said.

That sentiment was echoed by April.

"They were inseparable," she said. "They were a great team."

Nathalie passed away on Monday after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 63. Her husband of 38 years, Jack, preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1999.

"Mom pretty much kept the household, cooked the meals and fed the workers on the farm and took care of us kids and Dad did the farming," April said. "One couldn't have done it without the other."

Nathalie and Jack Van Auken were very active leaders in Steuben County 4-H, and April said that was a role her mother cherished.

"She was always willing to help the kids with their 4-H projects and book work," she said. "All they had to do was call. She was very helpful to the kids in 4-H."

Linda said she has many fond memories of growing up on the family farm near Pleasant Lake with April and their two older brothers, Scott and Tim. She said her mother was well-known for her baking prowess.

"She was always taking goodies to the church," she said.

April said as a child, it was a real treat to have a mother who could churn out amazing cakes, pies and cookies.

"It was wonderful for us," she said.

Linda wants people to remember what a giving

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woman her mother was.

"She would do anything for anybody," she said.

Nathalie was a woman a great faith, and was an active member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher for 22 years.

"She went to church pretty much every Sunday for as long as I can remember," Linda said. "She kept right on going until this past year when she got really sick."

April said she believes her mother began teaching Sunday school when Scott was an infant

"I had her for Sunday school when I was in the third grade, I think," she said.

April said after Jack died, Nathalie continued to go to church and do most of the things she'd always done, but that she "seemed lost."

"She really was a lot more of a homebody after Dad died," she said.

Linda said since her mother's passing, she has come to realize how many lives she touched.

"She was liked by everybody," Linda said. "She was a sweet lady and very gentle. She didn't have a bad word to say about anybody, and that's what she tried to teach us ... that there was good in everyone."

David Shirk

KENDALLVILLE — Lifelong Kendallville resident David W. Shirk, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at 8:45 a.m. in Waupun, Wis.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Martha Szeman

HAMILTON — Martha Szeman, 89, of Hamilton died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at home.

Mr. Szeman

Mrs. Szeman was born Aug. 27, 1916, in Waterloo to Joseph and Magdlena (Blomeke) Miller. She married Andrew Szeman in Auburn on Aug. 28, 1935, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1991.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, and also of the church's Rosary Society.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Kenneth Womack of Alexia, Va. and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Rosina McGuin of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; 17 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and many great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Szeman; two daughters, Irene Fee and Mary Katherine Szeman; a brother, Ambrose Miller; and a sister, Thelma Shortgen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

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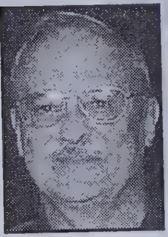
Wendell Krafft

ST. JOE — Wendell "Ben" H. Krafft, 73, of St. Joe died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, on Dec. 24, 1932 to Ray and Nellie (Boger) Krafft.

Mr. Krafft worked for Jiggs Motor Service in St. Joe for 17 years. He then worked as a road test engineer for Navistar in Fort Wayne for 28 1/2 years, retiring June 30, 1994.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and American Legion Post 202 in Butler, served on the Legion Honor Guard and was co-chairman of the St. Joe Pickle Fest. He was a beekeeper and sold Krafft's Honey for several years. He loved to restore cars and was an avid hunter, fisherman and mushroom hunter.



Mr. Krafft

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in the 59th Field Artillery from 1953 to 1955.

He married Sandra McCann on June 21, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Debra Krafft of St. Joe and Chris and Judy Krafft of St. Joe; his mother-in-law, Effiebel (Freeburn) McCann of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gerald and Jennie Krafft of Auburn and Dale Krafft of St. Joe; a sister, Marlene McKinley of Angola; and four grandchildren, Caramee, Benjamin, Ethan and Nathaniel Krafft.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mildred Banek.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Merle R. Holden, the Rev. Paul Row and Rod Laux officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 1 to 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe, the St. Joe Church of Christ or the American Cancer Society.

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Louella Miller

ELKHART — Louella M. Miller, 71, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, in Valley View Health Care in Elkhart.

Mrs. Miller

She had suffered from Alzheimer's since 1995 and had resided in nursing facilities since 1998.

Mrs. Miller was an engineering clerk for Syndicate Store Fixtures for 24 years, retiring in 1995. She had also been a Tupperware manager for eight years.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury.

She was born June 4, 1934, in Elkhart County to Olen and Edna (Miller) Miller. She married Raymond "Jack" Miller on Nov. 16, 1952. He died July 24, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda and Lynn Slagel of Goshen and Jeri and Jack Roggelien of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Jacque Miller and Gregory and Renee Miller, all of Goshen; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Cletus Schrock of Wolcottville and Ruby and Tom Bontreger of Middlebury; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Orvan and Jan Miller of Wolcottville and Delbert Miller of Greeley, Colo.; a stepbrother and his wife, Glen and Marna Schlabach of Shipshewana; eight grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Vera Sue Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Joan Coulson

BUTLER — Joan Coulson, 70, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at her home.

She was born Feb. 9, 1935, in Butler to Harry and Mildred (Smurr) Long. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Coulson

She married Howard Coulson on Feb. 10, 1953, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Coulson of Garrett and Michael Coulson and his fiancee, Roberta Cornett, of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Paul Katschke of Butler; a sister, Ruth Goebel of Montpelier, Ohio; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be left online at hejohnsonfh.net.

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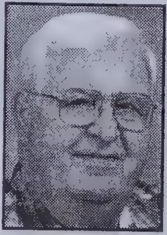
Everett Pardue

DUNDEE, Fla. — Everett E. Pardue, 76, formerly of Angola died of cancer on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, in Auburndale, Fla.


Mr. Pardue

He was born in Montpelier, Ohio, to Homer and Glenna (Sharpe) Pardue on June 17, 1929.

Mr. Pardue moved to Dundee in 2002 from Fort Wayne. A Rome City High School class of 1947 graduate, he served as superintendent at Pokagon State Park on Lake James for four years and operated several campgrounds in Indiana and Ohio.

He was purveyor for Steuben County 4-H Park on Crooked Lake for 17 years and worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation for 27 years. He also worked at M & S Labs in Angola.

Mr. Pardue and his wife, Norma, to whom he was married for almost 51 years, started Chapter U (Unique) Wings of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. He was a member of the Gold Wing association for 15 years. He was a 30-year member of the Land O' Lakes Lions Club, a member of Winter Haven Moose Lodge and played drums for most of his life with various bands.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick Pardue and Bruce and Lisa Pardue, all of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Connie S. Pardue of San Francisco, Calif., and Diane K. Miller and her fiance, Robert Thews, of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Melanie Pardue of Ashley; six grandchildren, Roseanna, Wesley, Brad, Brian, Krista and Grace; and three great-grandchildren, Kyle Coons, Destiny Gilbert and Weston Pardue.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma; and a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth M. Miller.

A local memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to the family at 560 N. Creek Bank Road, Angola, IN 46703.

Ilene Foglesong

GARRETT — Ilene M. Foglesong, 66, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at her home.

Born in Kendallville, she was a manager for Clark Oil Co. in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, the American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary in Kendallville and Choice Program F.W.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christine Jacobsen of Garrett and Toni and Joe Miller of Granger; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene and Theresa Lash of Ashley, Michael and Julie Lash of O'Fallon, Ill., and Gregory Lash of Fort Wayne; a sister, Connie Patrick of Rome City; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Lee Friend of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her father, John H. Friend; her mother, Iveta Grace Kurtz; and a sister, Lani Hall.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Richard Allgeier

FORT WAYNE — Richard A. Allgeier, 71, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Allgeier

Mr. Allgeier was born in Fort Wayne. He was retired from Tuthill Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Gerrie Allgeier; his mother, Mary Allgeier Bishop of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Kathy Allgeier of Woodburn, Mike Allgeier of Angola and Keith Allgeier of Kentucky; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Don Haire of Angola, Julie and Mike Hindrichs of Woodburn, Debi and John Tigner of Churubusco and Angie and Larry Kline of Woodburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Wanita Allgeier of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcella Mayes.

Services were held at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Burial was in IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Martha Szeman

HAMILTON — Martha Szeman, 89, of Hamilton died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Szeman

Mrs. Szeman was born Aug. 27, 1916, in Waterloo to Joseph and Magdlena (Blomeke) Miller. She married Andrew Szeman in Auburn on Aug. 28, 1935, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1991.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and also of the church's Rosary Society.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Kenneth Womack of Alexia, Va., and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Rosina McGuin of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Dale Szeman of Angola; 17 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Szeman; two daughters, Irene Fee and Mary Katherine Szeman; a brother, Ambrose Miller; and a sister, Thelma Shortgen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the church.

Anna Minich

TAMPA, Fla. — Anna M. Minich, 95, of Tampa died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Minich had moved to Tampa in 1980 from LaGrange.

She was a homemaker.

She was born June 26, 1910, in Chicago to Paul and Margaret (Schneider) Weber. She married Wilbur W. Minich on Jan. 25, 1932, in Goshen. He died Nov. 19, 1980.

Surviving are a son, Keith J. Minich of Tampa; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Karol Stambaugh, in 1964; a son, Lynn R. Minich, on Oct. 4, 1998; and a brother, Mathias "Matt" Weber.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

William Benbow

ALBION — William R. Benbow, 61, of Albion died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Benbow

Mr. Benbow had moved to Noble County 15 years ago from Florida.

He had been employed at Silgan Plastics.

Mr. Benbow enjoyed woodworking, genealogy, fishing and studying the Bible.

He was born Sept. 2, 1944, in Marion to Robert and Violet (Hurlock) Benbow. They are deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Charlene, Nichole, Alicia and Amy, all of Florida; a son, Michael of Florida; two brothers, Robert Benbow of Marion and James Benbow of Topeka; a sister, Linda Benbow of Converse; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Harold Gingerich officiating.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels.

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Maurice Malcolm

COLUMBIA CITY — Maurice E. Malcolm, 82, of Columbia City and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Ellington Hospice Home in Palmetto, Fla. He had been seriously ill for one week.

Mr. Malcolm

Mr. Malcolm retired as a machinist in 1984 from Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne.

He had spent his formative years in Huntertown, then lived in Fort Wayne for 40 years before moving to his present home in Columbia City 19 years ago.

Mr. Malcolm served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren. He served as past master of Masonic Lodge 195 F&AM and was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, American Legion Post 296 in Fort Wayne and the Southwest Conservation Club of Fort Wayne.

He was born June 11, 1923, in Huntertown to Morley M. and Edna C. (Pulver) Malcolm. He married Alberta R. Veazey on July 25, 1942, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gale and Craig Vance of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Malcolm of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Don Pontius of Melbourne, Fla.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Malcolm and Robert Malcolm; and a sister, Marjorie Pool.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Columbia City Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Dennis Beckner officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Columbia City Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Father Edward Narcowich

AVILLA — Father Edward Narcowich, 78, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Father Narcowich had served as a Catholic priest for the Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese for 53 years.

He served his last residency at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Avilla and his last parish was Irish Settlement in Geneva. He retired in 2002.

Father Narcowich was ordained on May 1, 1953, and had served many parishes over the years. He had also served as moderator for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and part time as a chaplain at the VA Hospital in Marion.

He was born in Gary to Adolph and Anna Narcowich. They are deceased.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Leonard Narcowich.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, with Bishop John D'Arcy officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Portage.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's of the Assumption, 228 N. Main St., Avilla, with a rosary at 4 p.m. and a vigil at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's of the Assumption Building Fund in Avilla or Masses.

Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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Mattie Dearman

BRONSON, Mich. — Mattie I. Dearman, 71, of Bronson died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich., following an illness of several days. She had been in failing health.

Mrs. Dearman was born Nov. 14, 1934, in Thomaston, Ga., to Henry and Katherine (Floyd) Price. She moved to Bronson in 1979 from Houston, Texas.

She first married Harry Dearman in 1951 in Mobile, Ala. They divorced in 1964. She then married Charles Chattom. He died in 1989. She then re-married Harry Dearman in 1994, and he died in 1995.

She had worked the last five years at the Meijer store in Angola. Prior to that, she had worked at the Subway restaurant in Bronson for four years and, for five years before that, at Bronson Plastics.

She was a member of the Whole Life Christian Fellowship Church in Sturgis, Mich. She enjoyed crocheting.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Mick Murphy of Bronson and Faith and Scott Webb of Quincy, Mich.; four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Chris Dearman of Lacy, Mich., Fred and Julie Dearman of Quincy, Charles and Lisa Dearman of East Leroy, Mich., and Harry and Dolores Dearman of Tennessee; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Norman Price and David Price, both of South Carolina, and Walter Price of New Jersey; and three sisters, Nancy Chaney of South Carolina, Annette Burnette of Sherwood, Mich., and Patty Raifsnider of Sturgis.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with Walter Price and the Rev. Chuck Vitzthum officiating. Burial will be in Batavia Cemetery, Batavia Township, Mich.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

Dorothy Watkins

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Helen Watkins, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

An Auburn native, she was a homemaker.

She belonged to the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church and had spent 10 years in the Netherlands.

Her husband, John E. Watkins, was a vice president of Tokheim Corp. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Watkins of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Alice Porter of Garrett; two brothers, Jack Refner of Ashley and Larry Refner of Waterloo; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

A celebration of life reception will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Hall's Guest House, 1313 Washington Center Road.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Memorials are to the United Methodist Committee on Relief in care of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

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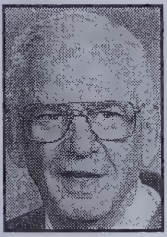
David Shirk

WAUPUN, Wis. — David W. Shirk, 84, of Waupun and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Waupun Christian Home.


Mr. Shirk

Mr. Shirk had worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and spent his life working in the heating, refrigeration and air conditioning field. In 1973, he became a partner in King-Weyler Equipment, a heating and refrigeration wholesaler in Fort Wayne.

He was a longtime member of Faith United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee and usher.

Mr. Shirk grew up in Decatur County and was active in 4-H and FFA. Following high school graduation, he studied at Miami of Ohio and Purdue University.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Following his discharge in December 1945, he returned to Purdue and completed his degree in mechanical engineering.

He was born June 9, 1921, in Greensburg to Samuel and Frances (McLaughlin) Shirk. He married Helen Sawyer in August 1951. She died in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Mike Fort of New Castle and Ann Shirk and her fiance, Mark Keppel, of Columbus, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Carol Shirk of Mayville, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Pat Shirk of Waldron; a sister, Mary Bevan of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Joseph Shirk, Paul Shirk, Emma Fort and Annie Fort.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Stanton Shirk, in 1993.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church, 411 E. Harding St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Crumley

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Patricia Crumley, 71, of New Port Richey and formerly of Noble County died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Crumley had moved to Kansas City from Noble County and to New Port Richey 18 years ago.

She was a financial service adviser for Raymond Jones Co.

Mrs. Crumley loved to work in her flower garden and was an avid Tampa Bay Buccaneers football fan.

She was born April 25, 1934, in Kimmell to Claude and Mildred (Hitchell) Johnson.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. Crumley of New Port Richey; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Linda Chrisman of Riverview, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Gary Wiggins of Long Valley, N.J., and Rae Ann (Clark) Reed of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois and Howie Genz of Arkansas and Linda and Larry Hartzler of Ligonier; and six grandchildren, Matthew, Nicholas and Jenny Gaff, Kyle Wiggins and Melissa and Trevor Chrisman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33612.

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John Meanovich

BUTLER — John S. Meanovich, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Meanovich worked as a millwright for Bethlehem Steel Co. in Burns Harbor. He was a past member of the Lake Station Church of God in Lake Station.

He was born Feb. 7, 1931, in West Frankfort, Ill., to Steve and Isabella (Morton) Kris. They preceded him in death.

He married Leah D. Allison on March 17, 1950, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah "Debi" and Don Ladd of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Elizabeth Meanovich of Portage; a daughter-in-law, Tina Meanovich of Hobart; eight grandchildren, Bryan Meanovich, Cori Robinson, Courtney Meanovich, Whitney Delaet, Kris Meanovich, Kyle Meanovich, Victoria Meanovich and Joshua Meanovich; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Meanovich; two brothers, Dan and Kris Meanovich; one sister, Myrtle O'Brien; and one great-grandson, Lhandon Daniel Meanovich.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with Pastor Jess Jessup officiating. American Legion Post 202 of Butler will conduct military graveside services.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Nancy Trushel

HOWE — Nancy J. Trushel, 45, of Howe died at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at her home following a lengthy illness.

She had worked as a cashier at several area businesses prior to her illness.

Mrs. Trushel was born Oct. 5, 1960, in Willard, Ohio, to William L. and Mary (Galloway) Dryer. She married Joseph A. Trushel on May 12, 1990, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving is a brother, Don Dryer of Earlanger, Ky.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Sebastian Gibson

AUBURN — Sebastian Gibson, an infant, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Torii Lassiter of Auburn; his father, Cody Gibson of Auburn; paternal grandparents, Ron and Anna Gibson of Garrett; maternal grandparents, Layne and Michelle Lassiter of Auburn; three maternal great-grandparents, Mike and Mary Ann Richards of Frankfort and Patricia Lassiter of Frankfort; paternal great-grandparents, Carol Webb and Linda Hilton of New Haven; and a great-great grandmother, Nondus Thompson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 18, 2006, Wednesday

Felony neglect charges filed against Ligonier woman

by Joy LeCount

Maria M. Guzman

ALBION — Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse announced last Wednesday, January 11, 2006, that two felony Neglect of a Dependent charges have been filed against Maria M. Guzman, 23, of the 1000 block of Roxanne Lane, Ligonier, Indiana. Formal charges were filed in Noble Superior Court, Division I at approximately 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Spindler reviewed the Affidavit for Probable Cause and then issued a warrant for the arrest of Guzman. Following the issuance of the warrant, Judge Spindler granted the request of Prosecutor Clouse to seal the warrant until Guzman had been placed into custody. Judge Spindler also ordered that Guzman be held without bail until she appears in front of him for an initial hearing.

Prosecutor Clouse confirmed that at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, Maria M. Guzman was taken into police custody without incident and transported to the Noble County Jail.

The two neglect charges stem from a January 7, 2006 incident at the Guzman residence south of Ligonier where Maria M. Guzman's one year old daughter died and another daughter, age two, is alleged to have been left unattended by Guzman.

Guzman appeared for a bond hearing on Thursday, January 12, 2006. She was represented by attorney Daniel Williams.

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Bianca Guzman

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Felony neglect charges filed in drowning death of Ligonier child

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Williams argued that Guzman is not considered a flight risk because she has a large number of relatives in the Ligonier area, will be living with her mother, has employment in Topeka, and has permanent resident status in the U.S.

Williams asked that bond be set in the $35,000 to $40,000 range which would allow her life to return to some semblance of normalcy.

"We believe the nature and gravity of the case - other than murder, this is the most serious charge available," Clouse said. "A $500,000 bond is not unreasonable."

"Do you believe she is a flight risk?" Judge Spindler asked Clouse.

Prosecutor Clouse consulted with Detective Joe Hutsell of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, then he requested counsel be allowed a short recess which was granted.

Judge Spindler, Clouse and Williams left the courtroom and went to the judge's chamber.

Upon returning to the courtroom, Judge Spindler set bond at $50,000 and ordered Guzman to report to the Probation Department to be equipped for electronic monitoring. She also was required to sign a waiver of extradition both national and international. There were other conditions associated with the bond.

Guzman posted bond on Monday, January 16.

A preliminary hearing has been set for March 20, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Noble Superior Court Division I.

According to the Affidavit of Probable Cause filed last week, the one year old daughter died of asphyxia due to drowning. The allegations made by the Prosecutor's Office are that Maria M. Guzman placed her two year old and one year old daughters in a bathtub and then left the residence.

According to the affidavit, which was signed by Detective Joe Hutsell of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Maria M. Guzman returned to the residence approximately 15 to 20 minutes after leaving the children in the bathtub. At that time, according to Detective Hutsell's affidavit, Guzman discovered her two year old daughter was out of the bathtub and that her one year old daughter was floating face down in the bathtub water.

Efforts made by the Noble County E.M.S. and Parkview Noble Emergency Room staff to save the life of the one year old were unsuccessful. The two year old has not been alleged to have been harmed in any manner or to have sustained any injury.

The first count of Neglect, which alleges that the actions of Maria M. Guzman resulted in the death of her one year old daughter, is a class A felony, which carries with it the possibility of 20 to 50 years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine if convicted. The second count, which alleges that Guzman placed her one year old daughter in a situation that endangered the life or health of the child, is a class D felony, which carries with it the possibility of 6 months to 3 years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine if convicted.

The incident was investigated by the Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Ligonier Police Department, along with the Noble County Coroner's Office.

(Photos courtesy News-Sun)

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 18, 2006, Wednesday

Dorothy Beck, 91

BLOOMINGTON, IN – Dorothy Louise Beck, 91, of Hartford City, Indiana, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 6, 2006, at 4:20 p.m. at the Bloomington Hospitality House in Bloomington, Indiana where she had been living for the past two years. She had formerly lived in Hartford City.

Dorothy was born on October 20, 1914, in Marion, Indiana to the late Bert Lytle and Bertha (Young) Lytle. Both parents preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her sister Evelyn Lightcap and her husband Dr. Charles W. Beck whom she married on August 1, 1936 in Muncie, Indiana. He died on June 19, 1978.

Dorothy graduated from Marion High School in 1932.

Dorothy was a homemaker, wife, mother and receptionist for Dr. Charles Beck in Hartford City. She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Hartford City, a member of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority in Hartford City and a member of the Research Club in Hartford City.

Dorothy will be sadly missed by her son Charles William "Bill" (Kay E.) Beck of Bloomington, her daughter Carol Louise (Armand) Billieux of Cary, North Carolina, her four grandchildren, Stephanie M. (Jim) McDonald, Shelly L. (Timothy) Gillespie, Jennifer Jones, Kathie (Mike) Cassel, her two great-grandsons Carson Tanner Gillespie, Parker Ryan Gillespie and nephew Dale Richard (Kathy) Winder of Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The funeral service for Dorothy was held Saturday, January 14, 2006, at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City with Rev. Gary Hall of Grace United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with the pall bearers Tim Gillespie, Jim McDonald, Paul Himelick, Jim Himelick, Dale Winder, Bill Beck and honorary pall bearers Carson Gillespie and Parker Gillespie.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church, 312 West Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana 47348.

William Benbow, 61

ALBION — William R. Benbow, 61, of Albion died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Benbow had moved to Noble County 15 years ago from Florida.

He had been employed at Silgan Plastics.

Mr. Benbow enjoyed woodworking, genealogy, fishing and studying the Bible.

He was born Sept. 2, 1944, in Marion to Robert and Violet (Hurlock) Benbow. They are deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Charlene, Nichole, Alicia and Amy, all of Florida; a son, Michael of Florida; two brothers, Robert Benbow of Marion and James Benbow of Topeka; a sister, Linda Benbow of Converse; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, January 18 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Harold Gingerich officiated.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels.

Tricia Stevens, 16

KENDALLVILLE – Tricia R. Stevens, 16, of Kendallville died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in Kendallville.

Miss Stevens was a sophomore at East Noble High School. She worked for McDonald's Restaurant in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 23, 1989, in Kendallville to Micky N. and Michelle (Mullins) Stevens.

Miss Stevens is survived by her mother, Michelle Stevens of Kendallville; her father, Micky N. Stevens of Albion; her grandparents, Beauford and Lois Mullins of Avilla, Gwen Cales of Orange, Texas, and Gary Stevens of Kendallville; and three brothers, Justin Stevens and Joshua Stevens, both of Kendallville, and Joseph Stevens of Avilla.

Services were held Monday, January 16, 2006, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Condolences may be e-mailed to *condolencethomas@skyenet.net*.

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David Wible

KENDALLVILLE — David Wible, 85, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Wible

Mr. Wible and his wife, Gene, owned and operated Wible's Department Store in Wolcottville from 1948 to 1977. He then worked seven years as a payload operator for the LaGrange County Highway Department.

In the late 1930s, he joined the Whitson Brothers Acrobatic Troupe of Kendallville and traveled the United States for several years.

Mr. Wible was a 1941 graduate of Kendallville High School. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942-1946.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He was a 50-year member of the Meridian Sun F&AM Lodge 76 of LaGrange, where he had served as worshipful master.

Mr. Wible was a member of the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and a former member of the Wolcottville Lions Club.

He was born near Blackman Lake north of South Milford on Sept. 22, 1920, to Arthur David and Florence Eliza (Holly) Wible. He married Gene Marie Boszor on Feb. 26, 1944. She survives.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Shookman of Indianapolis and Kathleen and Richard DeCamp of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Janet Simmermon of Indianapolis and Holly Maranto of Fort Wayne; four nephews, Thomas DeCamp of Auburn, Joseph DeCamp of Fort Wayne, Michael Wolf of Grand Rapids and Jeffrey Wolf of Brookfield, Ill.; and eight great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Holly Wible, who died in World War II on Feb. 10, 1944.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Joseph DeCamp, Thomas DeCamp, Jeff Brill, Evan Brill, Mike Wolf, Jeff Wolf and Vince Maranto. Honorary pallbearer will be Dick Kresse.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with a Masonic service by Meridian Sun Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carol Ludlow

LAGRANGE — Carol Sue Ludlow, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Ludlow

Mrs. Ludlow had moved to LaGrange County in 1973 from Muncie.

She was a former employee of Targgart Printing in Wolcottville and Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ludlow was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

She loved to cook and will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

She was born Sept. 22, 1947, in Muncie to Alva J. and JoAnn (Swain) Williams. Her father survives in Wolcottville, and her mother is deceased.

Surviving are her fiance, Darl Kaiser of Shipshewana; two daughters and a son-in-law, Christy and Johnny Saylor of Rome City and Cindy Crawford of Goshen; a son, James Ludlow of North Turner, Maine; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Marla Williams of White Pigeon, Mich.; four grandchildren, Corey, Brandy and Carly Saylor and Dana Ludlow; and an aunt and uncle, Karen and Martin Joyce of Wolcottville.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Ann Williams.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Wafer

HUNTERTOWN — Robert L. Wafer, 84, of Huntertown died at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had resided for the past month.

Mr. Wafer had moved to Huntertown in 1996 from Fort Wayne.

He retired from Deister Concentrator in Fort Wayne after more than 40 years as a carpenter shop foreman.

Mr. Wafer was born in Fort Wayne on Feb. 15, 1921, to Peter and Veronica Frances (Obeny) Wafer.

He graduated from St. Peter's Catholic School.

He married Florence Marie Metheny on June 12, 1943, in Fort Wayne. She died Dec. 14, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Robert Elward of Churubusco; a son, Gary Wafer of Fort Wayne; and three granddaughters and their spouses, Valerie and Cory Friend, Kimberly and Ryan Petty and Shannon Elward; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubuso with Father Daniel Leeuw, chaplain of Provena Scared Heart Home, officiating. Private interment will be Saturday at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Sharon Pankop

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz, Ky., and formerly of Kendallville will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Pankop

The Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church will officiate and Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley will assist at the service.

Mrs. Pankop died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

She was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville and attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church in Cadiz.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; a son, Dean Pankop of Corunna; three daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., and Jane Pankop of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexander and Christopher Karst of Kendallville, Eric Karst of Kokomo, Gabriel Karst of Princeton, Ky., Rose Hill of Auburn, Amber Prentice of Albion and Heath and Zane Pankop of Corunna; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society, the Rockcastle United Methodist Church in Cadiz or to the donor's choice.

Leon Sowles

EDON, Ohio — Leon D. Sowles, 80, of Edon died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, in Edon.

Mr. Sowles worked as a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1967. He then owned and operated Sowles Body and Fender in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born July 1, 1925, in Auburn to Jay E. and Nina T. (Collins) Sowles. They preceded him in death.

He married Josephine Baughman on July 10, 1948, in Auburn. She died March 28, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Vickie Sowles of Edon; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Lynn and Fred Hardy of Toledo, Ohio; four brothers, Lloyd V. Sowles of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion, Donald W. Sowles of Garrett and Eugene Sowles of Tahlequah; three sisters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dorsey Sowles.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans.

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Arthur White

BUTLER — Arthur D. White, 75, of Butler died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. White

Mr. White lived in Columbia City until 1993, when he moved to Butler. He worked at Bond Flex Rubber Co. for 14 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. After retirement, he enjoyed working in his yard and listening to country music.

He spent his formative years in Columbia City and attended Columbia City High School.

He was born April 20, 1930, in Columbia City to Dorsey A. and Alice M. (Long) White.

On Dec. 19, 1953, he married LaDial E. Hawn. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Ronda and Gary Andres of Butler, Robyn and Greg Ellerman of Rowlett, Texas, RaeAnne Minnix of Butler and ReAnne Aslaksen of Paulding, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Julie White of Jacksonville, Fla., and Roger and Ginger White of Claypool; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Martha White of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Ruth Simmons and Ethel Eldridge.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be posted online at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with revised information.*

Sabastian Gibson

AUBURN — Sabastian Gibson, an infant, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Torii Lassiter of Auburn; his father, Cody Gibson of Auburn; paternal grandparents Ron and Anna Gibson of Garrett; maternal grandparents Layne and Michelle Lassiter of Auburn; maternal great-grandparents Mike and Mary Ann Richards of Frankfort; a maternal great-grandmother, Patricia Lassiter of Frankfort; paternal great-grandparents Carol Webb and Linda Hilton of New Haven; and a great-great grandmother, Nondus Thompson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family. Donations may be deposited in an account that has been opened at DeKalb Financial Credit Union.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with revised information.*

John Meanovich

BUTLER — John S. Meanovich, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Meanovich worked as a millwright for Bethlehem Steel Co. in Burns Harbor. He was a past member of the Lake Station Church of God in Lake Station.

He was born Feb. 7, 1931, in West Frankfort, Ill., to Steve and Isabella (Morton) Meanovich. They preceded him in death.

He married Leah D. Allison on March 17, 1950, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah "Debi" and Don Ladd of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Elizabeth Meanovich of Portage; a daughter-in-law, Tina Meanovich of Hobart; eight grandchildren, Bryan Meanovich, Cori Robinson, Courtney Meanovich, Whitney Delaet, Kris Meanovich, Kyle Meanovich, Victoria Meanovich and Joshua Meanovich; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Meanovich; two brothers, Dan and Kris Meanovich; one sister, Myrtle O'Brien; and one great-grandson, Lhandon Daniel Meanovich.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with Pastor Jess Jessup officiating. American Legion Post 202 of Butler will conduct military graveside services.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Dustin Haifley

READING, Mich. — Dustin Caleb Haifley, 21, of Reading died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Haifley

Mr. Haifley was born in Kendallville on May 29, 1984, to Daniel J. Haifley and Judy Kim Sizemore Smith.

He had formerly worked as a machine operator at Quality Converters in Orland. He loved to play the guitar and hang out with his friends and family.

Surviving are his father in Angola; his mother in Reading; his maternal grandmother, Judith Sattison of Angola; his maternal grandfather, Moris Sizemore of Hudson; two maternal great-grandmothers, Esther Greeno of LaGrange and Frieda Mullins of Avilla; two paternal grandparents, Gerald L. and Jessie Haifley of Angola; a brother, Daniel L. Haifley of Angola; and two half sisters, Shannon Shatto of Angola and Dawn McClanahan of Orland.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Nathad Sizemore, in 1994.

Private services will be held.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 19, 2006, Thursday

Donald Anderson

Donald L. Anderson, 79, of Wawaka died at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Anderson had moved to Noble County 30 years ago from Fort Wayne.

He had been an electrical engineer for Franklin Electric and had been awarded patents for electrical controls.

Mr,. Anderson

He was a charter, senior and life member of the Fort Wayne Sail & Power Squadron and a past commander of the U.S. Power Squadron, District 29.

He was also a member and past master of Ligonier Masonic Lodge No. 185, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Stone's Trace Historical Society.

Mr. Anderson was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He had served as a volunteer at the Ligonier Radio Museum and enjoyed camping, boating, hunting, fishing, skiing and traveling to Alaska.

He was born May 25, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Howard and Eileen (Wager) Anderson. He married Betty Rose Reed on June 7, 1947, in Fort Wayne. She died in 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Pat Anderson of North Royalton, Ohio, and Neil K. and Linda Anderson of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jerry Folsom of Wolcottville; a brother, James Anderson of Fort Worth, Texas; his companion, Norma Bitner of Ligonier; and grandchildren, Skip, Dane, Troy and Cody Harmeyer, Jennifer Thames and Bradley Anderson.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, the Rev. Edward Anderson.

Services were Saturday, January 14 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Maddy officiating. Burial was at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling was Friday, January 13 at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Noble County Relay for Life.

Terrill Becker Sr.

Terrill Dean "Terry" Becker Sr., 62, of Mesa and formerly of Ligonier died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Becker

Mr. Becker moved to Arizona 25 years ago from Ligonier. While in Ligonier, he had been a partner with Paul R. Becker & Sons. After moving to Arizona, he was associated with Honeywell, Boeing (McDonnell-Douglas), Westin Engineering and TRW Safety Systems. His most recent position was as a facilities engineer with Arizona State University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and had been a member of the U.S. Army Band.

Mr. Becker was a member of the First Church of the Brethren in West Phoenix, Millersburg American Legion and had been a member of the Ligonier JCs.

He had volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and various building projects sponsored by his church. He enjoyed classic cars, amateur photography, tubing down the Salt River and off-roading.

Mr. Becker was born Oct. 17, 1943, in Kendallville to Paul R. and Lucille (Frick) Becker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terrill Dean "Casey" Jr. and Kelli Becker of Bristol; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Dick Rohrer of Millersburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Tana Becker of Ligonier and Lyle and Nancy Becker of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Jacqueline and Michael Sparks of Ligonier; his stepmother, Kathryn Becker of Sebring, Fla.; a stepbrother and his wife, Mark and Ruth Bontrager of Fort Wayne; three stepsisters and their husbands, Brenda Falconer of Rockford, Ill., Deborah and James Lotz of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Victoria and Robert Jensen of Georgetown, Texas; four grandchildren, Eva Rohrer, Kane Rohrer, Conner Becker and Kellan Becker; two stepgrandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald.

Services were Wednesday,January 18 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Verne Leininger of Wawaka Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Tuesday,January 17 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 19, 2006, Thursday

Edna DeBrular

Edna Mae Beers DeBrular, 91, of Burke and formerly of Fort Wayne and Fort Myers, Fla., died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va.

Mrs. DeBrular

Before retirement, Mrs. DeBrular worked for the Allen County Voters Registration Office.

A graduate of Cromwell High School, she was a 50-year member of O.E.S. Star of the East Chapter, a Girl Scout leader, a lifelong Methodist, an active Republican and a licensed practical nurse.

Mrs. DeBrular was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Orvas Edward and Margery May (Adair) Beers.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Naomi and Roger Foote of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Nancy and Fred Richardson of Falls Church, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, James Michael and Laura DeBrular of Fairfax, Va.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Helen Beers of Gray Count, S.C.; and a brother-in-law, John Thomas DeBrular and his wife, Geraldine, of Cromwell.

Mrs. DeBrular was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, James E. DeBrular; and four brothers, Vance Beers, Joseph Beers, Dale Beers and Orvas Beers.

Services were Saturday, January 14 at Burke United Methodist Church, Burke, Va.

National Funeral Home, Falls Church, Va., was in charge of arrangements.

Martha Szeman

Martha Szeman, 89, of Hamilton died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Szeman was born Aug. 27, 1916, in Waterloo to Joseph and Magdlena (Blomeke) Miller. She married Andrew Szeman in Auburn on Aug. 28, 1935, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1991.

Mrs. Szeman

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and also of the church's Rosary Society.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Kenneth Womack of Alexia, Va., and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Rosina McGuin of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Dale Szeman of Angola; 17 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Szeman; two daughters, Irene Fee and Mary Katherine Szeman; a brother, Ambrose Miller; and a sister, Thelma Shortgen.

Services were Wednesday, January 18 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating.

Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling was Tuesday, January 17. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service.

Memorials are to the church.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 19, 2006, Thursday

Patricia Crumley

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Patricia Crumley, 71, of New Port Richey and formerly of Noble County died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Crumley had moved to Kansas City from Noble County and to New Port Richey 18 years ago.

She was a financial service adviser for Raymond Jones Co.

Mrs. Crumley loved to work in her flower garden and was an avid Tampa Bay Buccaneers football fan.

She was born April 25, 1934, in Kimmell to Claude and Mildred (Hitchell) Johnson.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. Crumley of New Port Richey; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Linda Chrisman of Riverview, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Gary Wiggins of Long Valley, N.J., and Rae Ann (Clark) Reed of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois and Howie Genz of Arkansas and Linda and Larry Hartzler of Ligonier; and six grandchildren, Matthew, Nicholas and Jenny Gaff, Kyle Wiggins and Melissa and Trevor Chrisman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33612.

Alene Koher Wilcoxon

Alene Koher Wilcoxon, age 89, died December 30, 2005, at the Hospice of Treasure Coast in Stuart, Florida.

She was born January 19, 1916, in Cromwell, Indiana, as the daughter of Brenton M. and Ocie Pearl Stough Koher. Following high school she attended Indiana Central University where she met Francis Wilcoxon. They were married on Thanksgiving Day in 1941 at Indiana Village church near Lake Wawasee.

She began teaching at Cromwell High School and thentaught at Ashboro, Staunton, and Van Buren High Schools. Before retiring from Clay Community School Corporation, Alene was a K-12 physical education and high school English teacher for 22 years, as well as a full time wife and mother.

Alene and her husband, Francis, had wintered in Hobe Sound, Florida, since 1980. Alene was a member of the First Baptist Church and an associate member of the First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound, Florida.

Her kind heart and a generous spirit were demonstrated by wide smiles and friendly hugs She will be missed by her loving family and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Ronald Koher and half-brother, Lavon Koher.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years Francis M. Wilcoxon, a son, Richard and his wife, Cindy, grandchildren, Jeffrey, Lindsay, Emily, and Elizabeth and John Terril, two daughters, Mary Wilcoxon Obringer, her husband, Mark, and grandson, Max, and Dr. Jane Wilcoxon Lawther, her husband, Dr. Donald Robinson, loving nephews and their families.

Funeral services were Thursday, Jnauary 5 with Pastors Mark Jackson and Tim Russell officiating.

Should friends so desire, expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the First Baptist Church of Brazil, 413 South Walnut Street, Brazil IN 47834. Visit www.moore-funeral-homes.com to send condolences to the family or for more information.

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Dorothy Pimanis

BURLINGTON, N.C. — Dorothy E. Pimanis, 72, of Burlington died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at Hospice Home in Burlington.

She was the daughter of Merle and Modelle Ramer. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and "Chip" Ford of Fuquay-Varina and Davette and Bryon New of Amanda, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Derrick and Tammy Pimanis of Burlington; a sister, Helen Kukutsis of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Russ and Donna Ramer of Lady Lake, Fla., and Dean and Donna Ramer and Ron and Marsha Ramer, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Gunta Kersage of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Ivars Pimanis; and two sisters, Carol Lee Ramer and Sandra Sweeney.

No services.

Burial was today at Highland Park Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell County, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215.

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Mildred Holdeman

AUBURN — Mildred E. Holdeman, 84, of Auburn, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holdeman was the owner of Haviland Matchmaker Antique China in Auburn for 15 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn Woman's Club and American Cancer Association and a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Columbus, Neb., to William and Martha (Behlen) Lange. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Robert E. Holdeman, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Roberta Andres of Florida, Kristina Opper of Auburn and Kathy and Larry Kruchten of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; a sister, Gertrude Gerrelts of Columbus, Neb.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Twelfth St. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Clyde Mitchell Crowl

CLEAR LAKE — Clyde Mitchell Crowl, 71, of Shelby Township, Macomb County, Mich., and Clear Lake died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, in Shelby Township.

He was born on June 29, 1934, in Hamilton to Fred and Florence (McClellan) Crowl. His mother survives in South Carolina.

On Nov. 23, 1953, he married Joyce Lomont in Fremont, and she survives. He was retired from General Motors where he worked as an internal auditor from 1960 to 1987.

Mr. Crowl was a graduate of Angola High School and served four years in the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the U.S.S. Hancock in Air Intelligence. A graduate of Tri-State College in Angola, "Mitch" enjoyed his grandchildren, gardening and travel. He devoted his spare time to Meals on Wheels.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Denny Antrup of Angola, and Sara and Joe Russ of Rochester Hills, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Curt and Rosa Crowl of Utica, Mich., and Michael and Jody Crowl of Laurel, Mont.; seven grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sylvia and Ed Ballard of Santa Clara, Calif., and Linda and Jerry Randolph of Spartenburg, S.C.

Services will be Wednesday at noon at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Military honor services will be conducted by the Fremont American Legion. Burial will be at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 9 p.m. at Gramer Funeral Home in Shelby Township and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church, Fremont Public Library or the Hospice of Henry Ford, Michigan.

Funeral arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home.

Wanda Kloepfer

FAYETTE, Ohio — Wanda Smith Kloepfer, 90, of Fayette, Ohio, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo.

Mrs. Kloepfer was born April 28, 1915, in Steuben County to Walter and Ola (Kelso) Smith. She married Vernon "Doc" E. Kloepfer in Angola on Jan. 1, 1937, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1999.

She had worked for Fayette Tubular for over 20 years. She attended Fayette United Methodist Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 67 in Wauseon, Ohio.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Deburl and Doris Smith of Angola; her niece and caregiver and her husband, Beverly and Robert Manley of Toledo; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and special friends.

Services were Friday at Eagle Funeral Home, Fayette.

Burial was in Pleasant View Union Cemetery, Fayette.

Memorials are to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Hospice of Fulton and Williams County.

Condolences can be left online at www.eaglefuneralhomes.com.

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George Kreager

KIMMELL — George Colby Kreager, 27, of Kimmell died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at 6:18 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Kreager

He was born May 26, 1978, in Goshen to Jan Kreager and was a lifetime Noble County resident. He married Charako Taylor on May 19, 2004, in Albion. She survives.

He was employed by Gulf Stream in Nappanee and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was a volunteer coach for several community sports teams, enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em poker and pool and was on several league teams. He was a master of charcoal grilling and loved spending time with family and friends.

Other survivors, in addition to his wife, include his mother, Jan Smith of Cromwell; two sons, Bryce and Braden Kreager of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Adam Gilbert of Goshen; a brother, Josh Lampen of Cromwell; a mother and father-in-law, Nanc Taylor and Kevin Todd; a grandmother, Colleen Kreager of Cromwell; a niece and nephew, Alexis and Parker Gilbert; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, George Kreager; great-grandmother, Orpha Jones; and a cousin, Tricia Feltner.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the college found for Mr. Kreager's children, established at Lake City Bank.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Uriah Miller

TOPEKA — Uriah S. Miller, 86, of Topeka died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Avalon Village Health Care in Ligonier.

Mr. Miller

He was born Dec. 31, 1919, in LaGrange to Samuel D. and Mattie L. (Bontrager) Miller, who are deceased.

Mr. Miller was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Noble counties. He was employed as a machinist and die-maker with Becton-Dickenson in Shipshewana. He was married to Susan Schmucker and later to Mary Lou Jones, both of whom preceded him in death. He was a member of Maple Grove Church in Topeka and had served in the Civilian Public Services during World War II.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Darlene Miller of Fort Wayne and Courtney Miller of Burton, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Lizzie and Benjamin Herschberger of Shipshewana; and six grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were five brothers, Daniel, Eli, Menno, Levi and Jacob; and two sisters, Lovina and Susan.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka with the Rev. Mervin Miller and the Rev. Gene Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Miller, Matthew Miller, Benjamin Miller and Jeremy Miller.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Siloam Missionary Homes, P.O. Box 705, Snow Camp, N.C. 27349.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Wanita Peters

SOUTH BEND — Wanita J. Peters, 72, of South Bend and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at South Bend Memorial Hospital.

She was born July 17, 1933, in Sturgis, Mich., to Raymond and Mary Alice (Raver) Johnson, who are deceased.

She married Roland W. Peters on Aug. 31, 1951, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 12, 1999.

Mrs. Peters retired in 1996 from the 76 Truck Stop in Fremont where she was employed as a permit clerk. She was a member of the Mount Moriah Wesleyan Church in Hendersonville, N.C., and a member of Tops Mothers Club. She loved to sing and yodel.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Melody Peters and Robert and Denise Peters, all of Coldwater, Mich., and the Rev. Michael and Carol Peters of Elkhart; two daughters and a son-in-law, Penny and David Kaiser of Cleveland, Tenn., and Janet Peters of South Bend; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Kenny and Virgie Johnson, Harold and Carolyn Johnson and Richard Johnson; four sisters and one brother-in-law, Arlene Black, Betty Bogart, Kathryn Roberts and Liz and James Varga; and eight grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Sue Peters; two grandsons, Matthew Peters and Timmy Peters; two brothers, Ronnie Johnson and Gerald Johnson; and two sisters, Thelma Andrews and Rosemary Ramsey.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Michael Peters and the Rev. Terry Powell officiating. Burial is in Knauss Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph County Hospice, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

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David Shirk was 'kindness on parade'

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — David Winn Shirk was eulogized Saturday morning as a man of service to his country, his family and his community.

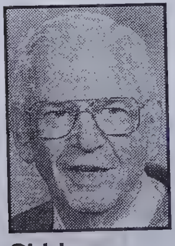
Mr. Shirk, 84, was buried Saturday at Lake View Cemetery. He was returned to the community he loved and called home after living the last few years in Wisconsin with his son, Roger, and family.

He came to Kendallville to work at McCray Refrigeration after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He had interrupted his college education to enlist in the Army in 1942, and served his country at Normandy and in northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Pastor James Toole of the Faith United Methodist Church noted Mr. Shirk's life was all about service. After serving his country, he served his family, his church and his community.

"It was the way he lived out his faith, 24-7," Toole said, "using the skills God had given him."

His skills were wide-ranging, but for the most part involved refrigeration, air conditioning and heating. He was partner in King-Weyler Equipment, a refrigeration and heating wholesaler in Fort Wayne, after McCray went out of business. Prior to that, he built and owned The Washateria on East Wayne Street, one of the first coin-operated laundries in Kendallville.


Shirk

Ora Gisel, who owned a heating and sheet metal business for many years, knew Mr. Shirk from their shared Sunday school class at the old First Evangelical United Brethren Church on Mitchell Street. He got to know Mr. Shirk professionally and became a close friend at the time the Washateria was constructed, Gisel recalled.

"I supplied him with some venting material and roof caps for the dryers," Gisel said. Later, when Gisel got involved in air conditioning, Shirk offered his services to solder, pump and fill air conditioning systems. It saved Gisel a big investment in materials and equipment, and cemented their relationship.

At his church, now the Faith United Methodist Church, Mr. Shirk served in many capacities, from Sunday school superintendent to trustee. He was an honorary trustee at the time of his death Jan. 14, his pastor pointed out.

Mr. Shirk was, however, best known for his ability to keep a complex and cantankerous boiler and heating system operating at the church, and helping members of church families with broken air conditioners, refrigerators, or even lawn mowers.

Not long before becoming disabled with Alzheimer's, Mr. Shirk took it upon himself to fix a window air conditioner in the nursery of the church.

"I asked Dave how it went," Toole related to the congregation attending the Saturday funeral. "He told me, 'Oh, just fine,' but then apologized for dropping the unit on his foot," Toole said. "He said he was just fine, but had to get it out of the window to fix it.

"Planned obsolescence was not a part of Dave's vocabulary," Toole continued. "He could fix whatever you had to be fixed."

Toole said the best way for the congregation to honor Mr. Shirk's memory was to "Ask yourself how you are helping other people, and to remember him for always being here. Whenever the church doors opened, you could count on Dave to be here."

Mr. Shirk's generation, Toole said, "Is called the greatest generation for good reason. His generation was accountable in a world that has become largely unaccountable."

Mr. Shirk's sister, Mary Bevan of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, read a poem written by her son, who recalled his Uncle Dave from summer nights spent catching lightening bugs.

"He was kindness on parade," she read.

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Laura Marshall

FORT WAYNE — Laura Marshall, 91, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, in Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne.

On March 12, 1914, in Hagerman, Idaho, she was born to Fred H. and Mary Ann (Reeves) Summers. On Nov. 23, 1939, in Champaign, Ill., she married Maurice A. Marshall. He survives.

She a former secretary at Fremont Elementary School and a former deputy auditor of Steuben County.

Mrs. Marshall was a member and past international secretary of the WBCCI Airstream Travel Trailer Club, a member of the Girl Scouts for over 25 years and received their highest award, the Golden Eaglet.

Surviving, in addition to her husband in Fort Wayne, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Obe Marshall, Defiance, Ohio, and Maurice and Maureen Marshall, Dearborn Heights, Mich.; two grandchildren, Todd Marshall and Lauri Whiteford; two great-grandchildren, Nolan Lantz and Melia Whiteford; and a sister, Margaret Manning, Portland, Ore.

Her parents, a brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mittendorf Calvert Funeral, Champaign, Ill. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana, Ill.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to donor's choice or favorite charity.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Bry

BUTLER — Virginia L. Bry, 89, of Butler, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

On Nov. 14, 1916, in DeKalb County, she was born to Edmond F. and Edna Faye (Zern) Freeman. She married Edward F. Bry on March 24, 1937, in DeKalb County. He preceded her in death in 1955.

She was a licensed practical nurse at the Souder Hospital in Auburn, and also at Meadow Haven. She retired after a combined 26 years of service from Meadow Haven in 1978.

Mrs. Bry attended the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, and was very proud of the family farm and being a farmer's wife.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly J. and Frank Johnson, Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Georgia Freeman, Fort Wayne; and a grandson Mark E. Johnson.

In addition to her husband and parents, a son, James E. Bry, a brother, Donald Freeman, and two sisters, Helen Griffin and Betty Berryhill, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Orpha Rowe

AUBURN — Orpha "Bud" Rowe, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Auburn.

In Floyd County, Ky., on Aug. 29, 1929, she was born to Adam and Irene (Morgan) Rowe. He married Sue Ann Coyer on Feb. 5, 1951, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 2004.

Mr. Rowe

Surviving are a son Jennings Rowe and his fiancee Kim Kuhn, Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Fred Davis, Butler; a brother, Charles Rowe, Butler; a sister Judith Rowe, Angola; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Earland Rowe, and three sisters, Della Collins, Claudia Gibson and Virginia Bailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling with be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.net.

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Ella Weirich

WATERLOO — Ella F. Weirich, 97, of Waterloo, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

In Menafee County, Ky., she was born on July 12, 1908, to Richard and Nancy (Lauson) Lawson. On Aug. 8, 1926, in Waterloo, she married Willis E. Weirich. He preceded her in death on March 12, 1985.

She managed the telephone company in Wawaka from 1935 to 1942, and was a telephone operator for the Waterloo Telephone Co. for several years. She was a former employee of the Waterloo School cafeteria, and Dunn's Dairy Bar in Waterloo.

Mrs. Weirich was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women's Association, and a member and past worthy matron of the Waterloo Eastern Star Lodge.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Gene Frick, Waterloo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Weirich, Altus, Okla., and Donald and Linda Weirich, Greenfield; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Weirich, Muskegon, Mich.; a sister, Harriett Boulby, Elkhart; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a son Richard Weirich, a grandson Nick Weirich, a great-granddaughter Misty Rayne Frick, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

An Ashley-Waterloo Eastern Star Lodge service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Waterloo.

Iona Smith

GARRETT — Services are pending for Iona Smith, 85, who died Saturday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Priscilla Dunn

AUBURN — Priscilla F. "Peggy" Dunn, 93, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Dec. 2, 1912, in Auburn, she was born to John Perry and Rosa (Ruppert) Long. She married Robert Porter Dunn on July 25, 1941, in Ohio. He preceded her in death on March 14, 1995.

She was a homemaker and spent most of her later years in the Hamilton Lake area.

Mrs. Dunn

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Diana Dunn, Waterloo; a daughter, Denise Porter Dunn, St. Augustine, Fla.; a step-daughter and her spouse, Judith Leigh and Thomas Sanderson, Perrysburg, Ohio; a sister, Marietta Sheets, Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Rupert Long, and a sister Mozelle Tuttle.

There are no services or visitation. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's Unit.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Herman Miller

CROMWELL — Herman L. Miller, 82, of Cromwell died at 6 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at his home.

He was a lifetime Cromwell area resident.

Mr. Miller was a farmer.

He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.

Mr. Miller enjoyed watching college basketball and amateur and professional baseball.

He was born April 9, 1923, in Cromwell to McKinley and Burl (Lung) Miller.

Surviving are a sister, Barsha Brown of Ligonier; a nephew, Danny Brown of Cromwell; a great-niece; and a great-nephew.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sparta Cemetery with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating.

Memorials are to the Cromwell United Methodist Church food program.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mittendorf Calvert Funeral, Champaign. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana, Ill.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont and from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at Mittendorf Calvert.

Memorials are to donor's choice or favorite charity.

Beams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Iona Smith

GARRETT — Iona A. Smith, 85, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Smith worked most of her life as a nurse's aide in Kansas City, Mo. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 1, 1920, in Garrett to Fred and Martha (Duchow) Diederich.

Her husband, Howard E. Smith, preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John M. and Penny Smith of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra J. and Charles Kelley of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Smith of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Dorothy Diederich of Garrett; six grandchildren, Curtis Smith, Christina Bennett, Johnna Miles, Michael Smith, Patrick Kelley and Shawn Steingruby, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joseph E. Smith.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

Maurice Barlett

FORT WAYNE — Maurice Barlett, 67, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Barlett worked as the chief accountant for Kruse International in Auburn for 30 years.

He was born Nov. 18, 1938, in Brushy Prairie to the late Isaac Glen and Wilma Violet (Velia) Barlett.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Barlett of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kelly A. Power; two sons, John W. Barlett and Eric J. Barlett; two brothers, Glenn D. Barlett and Gary L. Barlett; a sister, Martha Whitcombs; and three grandchildren, Justin N. Barlett, Karen K. Barlett and Hallie W. Barlett.

Services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. in C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Pastor Norman Fuller will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Cancer Society.

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Orpha Rowe

BUTLER — Orpha "Bud" Rowe, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Auburn.

Mr. Rowe

He was born Aug. 29, 1929, in Floyd County, Ky., to Adam and Irene (Morgan) Rowe.

He married Sue Ann Coyer on Feb. 5, 1951, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 2004.

Surviving are a son, Jennings Rowe and his fiancee, Kim Kuhn, of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Fred Davis of Butler; a brother, Charles Rowe of Butler; a sister, Judith Rowe of Angola; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Earland Rowe; and three sisters, Della Collins, Claudia Gibson and Virginia Bailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling with be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at hejohnsonfh.net.

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Virginia Bumgardner

COLUMBIA CITY — Virginia Marie Bumgardner, 80, of Columbia City died at 4:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bumgardner

Mrs. Bumgardner had lived in several areas, including Noble County, prior to moving to Columbia City in 1990.

She was a former employee of Weatherhead Co. in the 1940s and 1950s, at Alcoils from 1972 to 1975 and at R&K Video in Wolf Lake from 1985-1988.

Mrs. Bumgardner was a member of American Legion Post 98 Auxiliary in Columbia City and the Thorncreek Bethel Church of God.

She was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Crawfordsville to Bazil J. and Venia (Bowles) Jackson. She married Dale Edward Langohr on Feb. 17, 1946, in Columbia City. He died in 1964. Her second husband, George Schaefer, died in 1970. She then married Thomas B. Bumgardner on April 5, 1975, in Cromwell. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Fredrick Dale and Connie Langohr of Albion, Michael B. and Beth Bumgardner, Martin O. and Sandra Bumgardner and Mitchell Bumgardner, all of Warsaw, and Charles and Jill Schaefer of Indianapolis; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Linda Lee Langohr and Barbara Jean and Roger Bockleman, all of Columbia City, Joni and Mike Katz and Penny and Roger DePew, all of Albion, and Monica and Jimmy Daugherty of Warsaw; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Gloria Jackson of Albion and Delmar and Luann Jackson of South Whitley; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Ervin Geiger and Marilyn and John Walker, all of Columbia City, and Darlene and Don Daugherty of Plymouth; 30 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Oakley and James Jackson; and two grandsons, Matthew Langohr in 1995 and Andrew Ramsey in 1999.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Lanny D. Maloney officiating. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health and Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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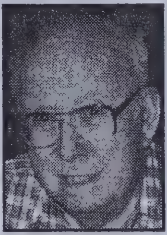
Christian Martin

AUBURN — Christian M. Martin, 89, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Larvik, Norway, Mr. Martin worked as a carpenter for many years, retiring in 1980.


Mr. Martin

He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn and the New York District Council of Carpenters Union. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Mimi Martin of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Patricia Martin of Long Island, N.Y., and Paul and Donna Martin of Brockton, Mass.; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Allen Bennett of Auburn; a sister, Margaret Woods of Arizona; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Magnus and Lilly Martin; and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn, with pastors Erik Bennett, Nick DiDomenico and Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about a surviving son.*

Mildred Holdeman

AUBURN — Mildred E. Holdeman, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holdeman was the owner of Haviland Matchmaker Antique China in Auburn for 15 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn Womans Club and American Cancer Association and a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Columbus, Neb., to William and Martha (Behlen) Lange. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Roberta Andres of Florida, Kristina Opper of Auburn and Kathy and Larry Kruchten of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; a son, Mark Holdeman of Colorado; a sister, Gertrude Gerrelts of Columbus, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Holdeman; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Twelfth St. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Ruth Vest

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Lindeman Vest, 93, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006.

Mrs. Vest was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 19, 1912. She retired in 1977 as secretary to the building manager at Lincoln Bank Tower in Fort Wayne. She owned a cottage on Lake James.

She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church and the Fort Wayne Women's Club.

Surviving are a sister, Marian L. Schnedler of Middletown, Ohio; a niece, Lisa A. Schnedler of Silver Spring, Md.; and a nephew, Steven C. Schnedler of Asheville, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon E. Vest, in 1973.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Doris Merriman

FORT WAYNE — Doris (Byerly) Merriman, 86, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Merriman

Mrs. Merriman was a homemaker.

She was a member of Maranatha Church of God. She served three terms as past Noble Grand of Rebeka's Daughters.

Mrs. Merriman was a native of Craigville.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Sandra Paxson of Avilla, Rollin and Rose Paxson of Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Keith and Kimberly Merriman of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Wendell Byerly of Angola and Leon Byerly of Ossian; three sisters, Alta Brubaker of Indianapolis, Maxine Smith of Oscala, Fla., and Wanda Carper of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. with Pastor Terry Owens officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association of Allen County.

John Wyman

CHURUBUSCO — John J. Wyman, 67, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Wyman had served as the data processing manager at Lincoln Life Insurance Co. for several years.

He was a graduate of Arlington High School in Arlington, Vt., and attended St. Michael's College for four years.

Mr. Wyman was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born May 18, 1938, in Bennington, Vt., to Ralph and Ruth (Cullinan) Wyman. He married Betty Soules Duman in Fort Wayne on Aug. 26, 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Sam and Tanya Wyman of Baltimore, Md., Scott and Jennifer Wyman of Fort Wayne and David Duman of Alanson, Mich.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy Wyman of Reno, Nev., Heather and Wade Williams of Alanson, Mich., and Kim and David Woods of Indian River, Mich.; a brother, Arthur Wyman of Vermont; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City with Father Larry Kramer officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Fire Department, Columbia City Fire Department, Whitley County EMS or Piarist School (Father Tom Carroll), Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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James Collins

CLEARWATER, Fla. — James T. Collins, 56, of Clearwater died Dec. 12, 2005, in Clearwater.

Mr. Collins

He had moved to Florida in 1998 after living in Marion, Ind., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Erie, Pa.

Mr. Collins retired after working for Verizon (GTE) Telephone Co. as a technician for 29 years.

Mr. Collins was a 1968 graduate of Marion High School in Marion, and served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force.

He enjoyed cooking, golfing and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Nov. 16, 1949, in Logansport to Harold and Juanita (Woolard) Collins.

Surviving are his children, Rebecca and Ben Kump of Flint, Mich., Jessica and Kent Sheets of Huntington, Ind., and Kathleen and Ted Hontz of Fort Wayne; his fiancee, Susan Ferris of Clearwater; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Patrick and Pat Collins of Albion, Donald and Pamela Collins of Logansport and James and Jenny McClurg of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, Ind., with Pastor Terry Zolman officiating.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Scharman Carr

LAGRANGE — Scharman A. "Mandy" Carr, 37, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in Mongo.

She was a member of Lake Missionary Church in Angola.

Mrs. Carr was born Nov. 28, 1968, in Savannah, Ga. She married James T. Carr on Oct. 5, 1996, in Gastonia, N.C.

Surviving are her mother and father, Jerry H. and Judy M. (Gerald) Hall of Mongo; her father, Thomas Morgan of Rincon, Ga.; a daughter, Chelsea B. Moreno of Mongo; four sons, Coty N. Hall, Clayton H.M. Hall, Christopher C.J. Moreno and Caleb T.J. Carr, all of Mongo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shelley and John Huffman of Colon, Mich., and Libby and Tony Fisher of Guyton, Ga.; three brothers, Tommy Morgan of Pembroke, Ga., Dekle Morgan of Rincon, Ga., and Jason Hall of Stroh; and two grandmothers, Eula Hall of Mongo and Betty Gerald of Jackson, Ga.

Private family services will be at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Mike Cain officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery.

Calling will be private.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Willie Cook

ROME CITY — Willie H. "Shorty" Cook, 88, of Rome City died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Cook had retired in 1982 after 30 years of service with Levin & Son of Kendallville and Fort Wayne.

He had lived most of his life in Noble and LaGrange counties.

Mr. Cook was born July 28, 1917, in Preble to William and Pearl (Gause) Cook. He married Helen Griems on July 27, 1942, in Decatur. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Robert Gulick of Avilla, Carolyn Cook and Linda Combs, both of Howe, and Joan Cook of Kendallville; three sons, James Cook of Okeechobee, Fla., Donald Cook of Rome City and Douglas Cook of Kendallville; one sister, Isbelle King of Decatur; three brothers, Virgil Cook, Herbert Cook and Richard Cook, all of Decatur; 26 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Daniel Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Daniel J. Miller, 95, of Middlebury died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at his home.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Miller had been a farmer and carpenter.

He was born Oct. 6, 1910, in Middlebury to Jacob and Katie (Miller) Miller. He married Anna Bontrager on Dec. 13, 1934, and she died May 18, 1963. He then married Esther Miller on Oct. 5, 1965, and she died June 25, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ellen and John Hochstetler of Middlebury; two sons and daughters-in-law, Leroy and Mary Miller of Topeka and Verlin and Nettie Miller of Middlebury; five stepdaughters and their husbands, Wanda and Alvin Herschberger, Loretta and Ervin Miller and Rosemary and Perry Yoder, all of Middlebury, Erma and Wayne Troyer of Topeka and Irene and Floyd Barkman of Goshen; three stepsons and their wives, Earl and Esther Miller of Middlebury, John and Waneta Miller of Topeka and Steven and Katherine Miller of Goshen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Sam and Mabel Miller of LaGrange and Lloyd and Katie Miller and Rudy and Esther Miller, all of Middlebury; 17 grandchildren; 47 stepgrandchildren; 83 great-grandchildren; 163 stepgreat-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-great-granddaughter.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Loretta Miller; two granddaughters; a stepgrandson; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Devon Bontrager residence, 60152 C.R. 37, Middlebury, with Bishop Allen Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Calvin 'Lee' Tarlton

GARRETT — Calvin "Lee" Tarlton, 76, of Garrett died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Tarlton

Born in Garrett, Mr. Tarlton retired in 1990 after 44 years of service as a crane operator with the B&O Railroad. He was a sergeant with the U.S. Army Paratroopers.

He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and a life member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

Surviving are his wife, Ilien Tarlton of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny L. and Cynthia Tarlton and Steven L. and Delsie Tarlton, all of Garrett; five granddaughters, Ellen Flinders and her husband, Charles, of Ashley, Emily Hunter and her husband, Bruce, of Garrett, Erin Tarlton of Hudson and Leah and Keri Tarlton, both of Garrett; three great-granddaughters, Elaina, Miranda and Breanna Flinders; two stepgrandchildren, Christy Goble and her husband, John, and Matthew Rowe, all of Garrett; and a sister, Anna Mae Kresse of Howe.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard M. Tarlton; and a sister, Marge Shirley.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, 4466 C.R. 7, Garrett, with the Rev. Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 178.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 25, 2006, Wednesday

Virginia Bumgardner, 80

COLUMBIA CITY – Virginia Marie Bumgardner, age 80, of Columbia City, died at 4:50 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2006, at her residence.

She was born in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County in Indiana, on November 30, 1925, to Bazil J. and Venia (Bowles) Jackson.

She was reared in the Larwill and South Whitley areas where she also attended school. She then moved to Noble County and several other Indiana communities before moving to Columbia City in 1990. Her first marriage was to Dale Edward Langohr on February 17, 1946, at the Trinity Methodist Church, Columbia City. Her second marriage was to George Schaefer at Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City. She then married Thomas B. Bumgardner on April 5, 1975 in Cromwell. She was a former employee of Weatherhead Company, Columbia City in the 1940's and 1950's. Then at Alcoils from 1972 to 1975 and from 1985 to 1988 she was associated with the R&K Video business in Wolf Lake. Her memberships include the Post #98 American Legion Auxiliary, Columbia City and Thorncreek Bethel Church of God.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Thomas B. Bumgardner of Columbia City; five sons, Fredrick Dale (Connie) Langohr of Albion, Michael B. (Beth) Bumgardner, Martin O. (Sandra) Bumgardner, Mitchell L. Bumgardner, all of Warsaw, and Charles (Jill) Schaefer, Indianapolis; five daughters, Linda Lee Langohr, Columbia City, Barbara Jean (Roger) Bockleman, Columbia City, Joni (Mike) Katz, Albion, Monica (Jimmy) Daugherty, Warsaw, and Penny (Roger) DePew, Albion; 30 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert (Gloria) Jackson of Albion and Delmar (Luann) Jackson of South Whitley; three sisters, Ruth (Ervin) Geiger, Columbia City, Marilyn (John) Walker, Columbia City, and Darlene (Don) Daugherty, Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Dale Langohr, 1964, her second husband, George Schaefer, 1970; two brothers, Oakley and James Jackson and two grandsons, Matthew Langohr, 1995 and Andrew Ramsey, 1999.

Services were held Tuesday, January 25, 2006, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home with Pastor Lanny D. Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God, Columbia City officiating.

Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Bumgardner's memory to the Parkview Whitley Home Health and Hospice or Alzheimer's Association.

Dustin Haifley, 21

READING, MI – Dustin Caleb Haifley, 21, of Reading died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Haifley was born in Kendallville on May 29, 1984, to Daniel J. Haifley and Judy Kim Sizemore Smith.

He had formerly worked as a machine operator at Quality Converters in Orland. He loved to play the guitar and hang out with his friends and family.

Surviving are his father in Angola; his mother in Reading; his maternal grandmother, Judith Sattison of Angola; his maternal grandfather, Moris Sizemore of Hudson; two maternal great-grandmothers, Esther Greeno of LaGrange and Frieda Mullins of Avilla; two paternal grandparents, Gerald L. and Jessie Haifley of Angola; a brother, Daniel L. Haifley of Angola; and two half sisters, Shannon Shatto of Angola and Dawn McClanahan of Orland.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Nathad Sizemore, in 1994.

Private services were held.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA
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George Kreager, 27

KIMMELL – George Colby Kreager, 27, of Kimmell died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at 6:18 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born May 26, 1978, in Goshen to Jan Kreager and was a lifetime Noble County resident. He married Charako Taylor on May 19, 2004, in Albion. She survives.

He was employed by Gulf Stream in Nappanee and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was a volunteer coach for several community sports teams, enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em poker and pool and was on several league teams. He was a master of charcoal grilling and loved spending time with family and friends.

Other survivors, in addition to his wife, include his mother, Jan Smith of Cromwell; two sons, Bryce and Braden Kreager of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Adam Gilbert of Goshen; a brother, Josh Lampen of Cromwell; a mother and father-in-law, Nanc Taylor and Kevin Todd; a grandmother, Colleen Kreager of Cromwell; a niece and nephew, Alexis and Parker Gilbert; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, George Kreager; great-grandmother, Orpha Jones; and a cousin, Tricia Feltner.

Services were held Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the college fund for Mr. Kreager's children established at Lake City Bank.

Sharon Pankop, 75

KENDALLVILLE – Memorial services for Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz, Ky., and formerly of Kendallville were held Saturday, January 21, 2006, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

The Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiated and Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley assisted at the service.

Mrs. Pankop died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

She was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville and attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church in Cadiz.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; a son, Dean Pankop of Corunna; three daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., and Jane Pankop of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexander and Christopher Karst of Kendallville, Eric Karst of Kokomo, Gabriel Karst of Princeton, Ky., Rose Hill of Auburn, Amber Prentice of Albion and Heath and Zane Pankop of Corunna; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society, the Rockcastle United Methodist Church in Cadiz or to the donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 25, 2006, Wednesday

Doris Merriman, 86

Doris (Byerly) Merriman, 86, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, January 22, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Merriman was a homemaker.

She was a member of Marantha Church of God. She served three terms as past Noble Grand of Rebeka's Daughters.

Mrs. Merriman was a native of Craigville.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Sandra Paxson of Avilla, Rollin and Rose Paxson of Hoffman Estates, IL, and Keith and Kimberly Merriman of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Wendell Byerly of Angola and Leon Byerly of Ossian; three sisters, Alta Brubaker of Indianapolis, Maxine Smith of Oscala, FL, and Wanda Carper of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday. Pastor Terry Owens officiated. Burial was at Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association of Allen County.

Leon Sowles, 80

EDON, OH – Leon D. Sowles, 80, of Edon died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, in Edon.

Mr. Sowles worked as a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1967. He then owned and operated Sowles Body and Fender in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born July 1, 1925, in Auburn to Jay E. and Nina T. (Collins) Sowles. They preceded him in death.

He married Josephine Baughman on July 10, 1948, in Auburn. She died March 28, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Vickie Sowles of Edon; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Lynn and Fred Hardy of Toledo, Ohio; four brothers, Lloyd V. Sowles of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion, Donald W. Sowles of Garrett and Eugene Sowles of Tahlequah; three sisters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dorsey Sowles.

Services were held Saturday, January 21, 2006, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial was in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Inabel A. "Ina" Gehrig, 75

Inabel A. "Ina" Gehrig, 75, died Monday, January 23, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Albion, she worked as a X-ray department assistant with Parkview Memorial Hospital for 12 years, retiring in 1997. She was a very active member of Grace Lutheran Church and enjoyed fishing, traveling and reading.

Survivors include sons, Edward M. Bowley of Fort Wayne, and Earl (Dawn) Bowley of Fort Wayne; sisters Doris (Edward Lynn) Ford of Fort Wayne; brother, Harold A. (Patricia) Bender of Albion; mother, Lera Bender of Kendallville; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Gehrig in 1999.

Service is Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials to Scan, Inc. or Battered Women's Shelter.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 25, 2006, Wednesday

Susan Bergman, 48

Barrington, Illinois — Author Susan Bergman died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 in Barrington, Ill, after a three-year battle with brain cancer, according to the *Chicago Tribune*. She was 48.

A teacher of literature and writing, Bergman, who earned a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and a doctorate in literature from Northwestern University, was a contributing editor to many magazines, including Books and Culture.

In her 1994 book, Anonymity: *The Secret Life of an American Family* (Farrar Straus & Giroux), she told the story of her father, Don Heche, formerly of North Webster, Indiana, a church music director who became one of the first victims of AIDS after leading a secret life as a homosexual.

Bergman wrote the soon-to-be-published novel *Buried Life* and was an editor of the anthology Martyrs: *Contemporary Writers on Modern Lives of Faith* from Orbis Books.

One of her sisters is actress Anne Heche.

Besides her sister, Bergman is survived by her husband, Judson; two daughters, Elise and Natalie; two sons, Elliot and Bennet; her mother, Nancy Prickett Heche; and another sister, Abigail Heche. Her brother, Nathan, preceded her in death.

Bergman was the granddaughter of the late Richard and Susan Prickett, former owners and publishers of the *Albion New Era*.

James T. Collins, 56

James T. Collins, age 56, died December 12, 2005 in Clearwater, Florida. He had worked for Verizon (GTE) Telephone Company as a technician for 29 years retiring in Florida. James was born November 16, 1949 in Logansport, Indiana the son of Harold and Juanita R. (Woolard) Collins.

He was a 1968 graduate of Marion High School in Marion, Indiana where he spent most of his younger years. Most of his adult life was spent in Fort Wayne and also a short time in Erie, PA. and moved to Florida in 1998.

James was a US Air Force Veteran serving 22 years and enjoyed cooking, golf and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his children, Rebecca and Ben Kump of Flint, MI, Jessica and Kent Sheets of Huntington, IN, and Kathleen and Ted Hontz of Fort Wayne; his fiancée Susan Ferris of Clearwater, FL; three brothers Patrick J. and Pat Collins of Albion, IN, Donald and Pamela Collins of Logansport, IN, and Jenny McClurg of Fort Wayne, IN; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, January 28th, at 11:00 A.M. in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, IN with Pastor Terry Zolman officiating and Military graveside rites will be conducted. Sheets and Childs Funeral Home will be in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 26, 2006, Thursday

Martha Yoder

GOSHEN — Martha S. "Mattie" Yoder, 80, of Goshen died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Americare Living Center, where she had resided one week.

Mrs. Yoder

She had moved to the area in 1989 from Minnesota.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and member of Fair Haven Mennonite Church.

She was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Hazleton, Iowa, to Sam and Sarah (Yoder) Yoder. She married Rudy Yoder on Nov. 23, 1948. He survives.

Also surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Sam and Emma Yoder and John Yoder, all of Goshen, Enos and Carolyn Yoder and Ray and Mary Yoder, all of Middlebury, Ben and Ada Yoder of Orville, Ohio, and Rudy Jr. and Mary Yoder of Six Lakes, Mich.; a sister, Melinda Hershberger of Dalton, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Elizabeth Yoder of Barnesville, Ohio; four half sisters and their husbands, Katie and Joe Gingerich of Ethridge, Tenn., Lizzie and Enos Mast of Sonora, Ky., Amanda and Dennis Zook of Park City, Ky., and Fannie and Paul Miller of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; three half brothers, Andy Yoder of Mayfield, Ky., Levi Yoder of Hillsboro, Wis., and Joe Yoder of Sonora; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fair Haven Mennonite Church with Bishop Wilbur Yoder, the Rev. Ray Stutzman and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Golden Rod in Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Clarinda Copeland

SOUTH LYON, Mich. — Clarinda "Linda" Copeland, 74, of South Lyon died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006.

Mrs. Copeland was born on Oct. 21, 1931, in Edon, Ohio, to John and Blanche (Burke) Beres. She formerly resided in Hamburg, Mich., prior to moving to South Lyon 16 years ago.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon.

Surviving are her husband, James Copeland; her mother, Blanche Beres; a brother, John Beres of Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Roberta Miller of Orland and Sharon and Fred Smith of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be today at noon at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

Calling will be today from 10 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

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Mary Schultz

CHURUBUSCO — Mary M. Schultz, 96, of Austin, Texas, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at the home of a daughter in Austin.

Mrs. Schultz grew up in Ohio and, following her first marriage, moved to Churubusco where she owned and operated Mary's Beauty Shop in the 1950s. She moved to Florida in 1967 and resided there until moving to Fort Wayne in 1996.

She had attended Armstrong School and Antwerp, Ohio, High School.

She was born June 26, 1909, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Harvey and Adah (Snell) Gordon.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Janet Miller of Albion, Harry and Sandra Miller of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Kenneth and Carol Miller of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Carol Miller Schuster of Austin; a sister-in-law, Iren Gordon of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, George Miller in 1964, Vaughn Laymon in 1970 and Clarence Schultz in 2001; a daughter, Shirley Powell in 1993; a great-grandson, John Mallane in 2003; three brothers, William Gordon, Forrest Gordon and Fred Gordon; and a sister, Flora Franks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery in Cecil, Ohio.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsanchilds.net.

Brad Hill

GILBERT, Ariz. — Brad Edwin Hill, 55, of Gilbert and formerly of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

Mr. Hill was born May 19, 1950, to Jack G. and Sarah (Welch) Hill. He was a retired Air Force veteran and an active member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Ann; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Chad and Jennifer Hill of Chandler, Ariz., and Brian Hill of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a stepdaughter, Veronica Streaman; two sisters, Pam Cope and Kim Brunner, both of Angola; a stepbrother, Jeff Norton of LaGrange; and his stepmother, Becky Hill of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2005 and his mother.

Services were Saturday in Arizona. Burial was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Mesa, Ariz.

Memorials are to St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Building Fund, PO Box 849, Higley, AZ, 85236.

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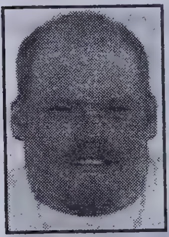
George "Colby" Kreager

KIMMELL — Family, loved ones and friends of George 'Colby' Kreager, were stunned by news of his unexpected death this past Friday.


Kreager

Kreager, 27, of Kimmell died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at 6:18 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born May 26, 1978, in Goshen to Jan Kreager and was a lifetime Noble County resident. He married Charako Taylor on May 19, 2004, in Albion. She survives.

He was employed by Gulf Stream in Nappanee and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was a volunteer coach for several community sports teams, enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em poker and pool and was on several league teams. He was a master of charcoal grilling and loved spending time with family and friends.

Last year he led efforts by his family to open the PubliDollar store in downtown Ligonier.

Other survivors, in addition to his wife, include his mother, Jan Smith of Cromwell; two sons, Bryce and Braden Kreager of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Adam Gilbert of Goshen; a brother, Josh Lampen of Cromwell; a mother and father-in-law, Nanc Taylor and Kevin Todd; a grandmother, Colleen Kreager of Cromwell; a niece and nephew, Alexis and Parker Gilbert; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, George Kreager; great-grandmother, Orpha Jones; and a cousin, Tricia Feltner.

Services were Tuesday, January 24 at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Monday ,January 23 at the church and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the college found for Mr. Kreager's children, established at Lake City Bank.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Herman Miller

Herman L. Miller, 82, of Cromwell died at 6 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2006, at his home.

He was a lifetime Cromwell area resident.

Mr. Miller was a farmer.

He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.

Mr. Miller enjoyed watching college basketball and amateur and professional baseball.

He was born April 9, 1923, in Cromwell to McKinley and Burl (Lung) Miller.

Surviving are a sister, Barsha Brown of Ligonier; a nephew, Danny Brown of Cromwell; a great-niece; and a great-nephew.

Graveside services were Wednesday, January 25 at Sparta Cemetery with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating.

Memorials are to the Cromwell United Methodist Church food program.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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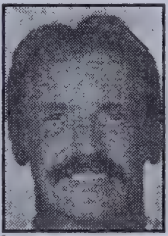
Alan Joyce

TOPEKA — Alan "AJ" Joyce, 44, of Topeka died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at his home.



Mr. Joyce

Mr. Joyce had lived in the Topeka area most of his life.

He had been employed in route sales for Pepsi General Bottlers for 20 years.

Mr. Joyce had served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Enterprise and USS America.

He was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 30, 1961, in Muncie to Martin "Bud" and Karen (Swain) Joyce. They survive in Wolcottville. He married Gina Stoltz on Nov. 28, 1981, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Seth Joyce of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Lindsay and Ricky Bowers of Topeka; and a sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Rick White of Franklin, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Floyd Swain, Virginia Wilkinson, Mary Joyce and Martin Joyce; and an aunt, Jo Ann Williams.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Stanley Haworth

WINCHESTER — Stanley E. Haworth, 80, of Winchester died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital in Winchester.

Mr. Haworth was a rural mail carrier for 35 years, retiring in 1984. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne.

He was very active with American Legion Post 211 in Portland, having served as commander and chaplain. He was involved in Boy Scouts and was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman.

He was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Winchester to Reid and Florence (Harris) Haworth.

He married June Alexander on Jan. 7, 1945, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Ann Haworth of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Joel Roberts of Portland and Lori and Jim Spangler of Muncie; a brother, Henry Haworth of Anderson; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Fountain Park Cemetery at Winchester, with Pastor Bill Haworth officiating. Full military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 211.

Calling will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Memorials are to Freedom Park.

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Dr. Chester Curry

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Chester H. Curry, 82, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at his home.

Dr. Curry

Born in New Castle, he served as an Air Force captain during WW II.

Dr. Curry received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University in music and math.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic until 1954 and taught instrumental music at Kendallville and Coldwater High Schools until 1959, when he entered the Indiana University School of Optometry.

He practiced optometry in Fort Wayne from 1963 to 1990, during which time he was elected Indiana Optometrist of the Year in 1978. In February 2005, Dr. Curry was inducted into the Coldwater High School Hall of Fame.

Dr. Curry was also involved with the Downtown Kiwanas Club, China Burma India Veterans Assoc. and the Rotary Club in Coldwater. He was a life member of the American Optometric Association and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E. Curry of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kent and Sue Curry of Fort Wayne, Dr. Scott and Catherine Curry of Indianapolis and Dr. Jon and Nancy Curry of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by infant son, Kevin.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Southmound Cemetery in New Castle.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802; Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Richard Simpson

FREMONT — Richard R. Simpson, 70, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Simpson was born Aug. 20, 1935.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Colleen Diederich

GARRETT — Colleen Dee Diederich, 71, of Orlando, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at her daughter's residence in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Diederich was a teacher in Florida and at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn. She was a social worker for Family and Social Services of DeKalb County, retiring in 1993.

She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and the American Legion Auxiliary in Garrett, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Wolf Lake, the Women of the Moose in Florida and the Red Hat Society.

She was born Feb. 27, 1934, in Garrett to James and Harriet (Ryan) Williams. They preceded her in death.

She married Wayne M. Diederich on Feb. 4, 1978, in Garrett. He survives in Orlando, Fla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and LuAnne Letizia of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Rick Yingling of Fairmount and Lori and Curt Gassert of Indianapolis; and seven grandchildren, Angela Letizia and Mollyanne Letizia, both of Hamilton, Collette Sites and her husband, Eric, Breeanne Yingling and Jerica Yingling, all of Fairmount, and Austin Gassert and Michelle Gassert, both of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lisa Yingling.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or St. Francis Hospice of Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Donald Ward

COLDWATER, Mich. — Donald E. Ward, 70, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Ward graduated from Camden High School in 1953 and was a self-employed welder for many years. He also worked in the tool and die industry at IVC, B&D Tool & Die and Sun Gro Horticulture Processing.

He belonged to the Eagles, Elks and Moose lodges and enjoyed fishing and bowling.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1935, in Steuben County to Eugene and Helen (Mortoff) Ward.

He married Velma Welch on April 7, 1962, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Daniel Roberts and Dawn and Brad Parrish, all of Quincy, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Andrea Ward of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Dan and Stacy Ward of Quincy; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Evelyn and Laddie Michaels of Grandville, Mich., and Marilyn and John Stevens of Tecumseh, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sandy Ward of Hillsdale, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at George White Funeral Home in Quincy, with the Rev. Paul Prochackaz officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Fund, the Cindy Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund — Quincy Union Church, Coldwater Elks Scholarship Fund or Coldwater Eagles Scholarship Fund.

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Richard Simpson

FREMONT — Richard "Dick" R. Simpson, 70, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Simpson

Mr. Simpson worked at the Steuben County Highway Department and retired in 2004 after 46 years of service.

He enjoyed his family and grandchildren, his big truck and the farm where he spent a lot of time with his family.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1935, in Alvordton, Ohio, in Williams County to Earl D. and Elsie (Oyer) Simpson.

He married Betty A. Fee Platt on Sept. 23, 1956, in Metz, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Sidwell of Fremont; two sons, Steven Simpson and Randy Simpson, both of Angola; four sisters, Mildred Oberlin of Edon, Ohio, Geraldine Fifer of Archbold, Ohio, Evelyn Smith of Fremont and Bonnie Nagel of Angola; one brother, Donald Simpson of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at noon Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Mike Cain officiating. Burial will take place at South Scott Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association Memorials in Chicago, Ill., and the Steuben County Diabetes Association — Steuben Community Foundation.

Ruth Uhrick

ALBION — Ruth E. Uhrick, 77, of Albion died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Uhrick was a homemaker and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1928, in Danville, Ill. She married Earl Uhrick on Jan. 31, 1948. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Deb and Joe Hinen of Albion; two sons, Steve Uhrick of Albion and Rick Uhrick of Fort Wayne; one sister, Juanita Leitch of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, four sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Chapel of the Woods in Lindenwood Cemetery, with Pastor Robert Arenobine officiating. There is no calling.

Shirley Jones

FORT WAYNE — Shirley D. Jones, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Jones

Born in Maplesville, Ala., she retired from the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center after 42 years of service.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Curtis J. and Jodi Jones of Canyon Lake, Calif., James E. Jr. and Melinda Jones of Murrieta, Calif., Johnathan J. Jones of Fort Wayne and Ronnie R. and Sarah Jones of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Jones-Stubblefield and Bill Stubblefield of Charlotte, N.C.; her mother, Thelma Johnson; siblings and their spouses, Versa L. Jordan and her husband, George, Willow Dean McCary, James Curtis Johnson and his wife, Bernice, Rudolph Johnson and W.J. Johnson of Alabama; her best friends, Jim Butler, Louis Jones, Mammie Stowers, Mary Curry-Pyle, Marinette Lewis, Ruth LaBlancha, Johnny C. Parker, Marilyn Lessing, Kendra Shady, Shelly Blackburn and Barb Burch; 10 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Samuel Johnson; her former husband, James E. Jones Sr.; two brothers, Ira and Dolan Johnson; and a sister, Annie L. Bell.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Ellis Funeral Home, 1021 E. Lewis St., Fort Wayne, with calling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

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Everett Pardue was 'all heart'

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ANGOLA — Diane Miller said her father, Everett Pardue, is the reason she's still alive today.

"What a man," she said, her voice shaking. "He was the best dad a person could ask for. He was always there for me ... I had a bout of depression after I lost my mom, and if it weren't for him, I don't think I'd be here."

Everett died on Jan. 7 after being diagnosed with cancer this past October. He was 76.

Everett was born in Montpelier, Ind., on June 17, 1929. He lived in Indiana most of his life, moving to Florida in 2002. He was married to Norma, the mother of his children — Carol, her sister Connie and her two brothers, Ricky and Bruce — for 50 years. Norma died in November 2000, days before what would have been the couple's 51st anniversary.

"He raised us well and we all respected him and thought the world of him," Diane said.

Everett was involved in several groups and clubs, including the Land O' Lakes Lions Club in Angola and the Winterhaven Moose Lodge in Florida. He and Norma started Chapter U (Unique) Wings of the Gold Wing Riders Association.

Everett loved motorcycles, but had to give up riding about six years ago when his hips and legs started giving him problems.

Diane said after her mother died, she worried about Everett.

"When people are together a long time and one of them dies, you worry about the one that's still alive letting go," she said. "I was scared to death of losing my dad, too."

But as it turned out, something good was waiting for Everett — his wife Carol, whom he married Sept. 21, 2002.

"I think the angels brought Carol to Dad," Diane said.

Who really brought Carol to Everett was Carol's daughter, Lynn Tuscan. Lynn and her husband Joel had been Goldwingers with Everett and Norma, and when Everett moved to Florida, she suggested he call her mother, who lived there too.

"Lynn called Dad up and said, 'My mom's there alone, you're there alone, why don't you call her up and go out to supper sometime?'" Diane said.

Everett was noncommittal, but said he'd think about it. When a week went by and he still hadn't called Carol, Lynn called him and wanted to know why.

Everett finally did call Carol, and the two met for dinner at a Cracker Barrel restaurant in 2001.

"Dad said when he saw her get out of her car and walk across the parking lot, he said to himself, 'Oh, I hope that's her.' He just thought she was such a pretty lady."

The rest, Diane said, was history.

"When Mom died, I was just so doggone worried," she said. "Then Carol came along, and he loved her so much."

Everett worked for two parks in Steuben County — Pokagon State Park on Lake James, where he was superintendent for four years, and the Steuben County 4-H Park on Crooked Lake, where he was purveyor for 17 years. He had also worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation for 27 years.

"He really gave his heart and soul to the community," Diane said. "He was really in his element when he was at the parks. He loved working outdoors and he loved being with people. Pokagon meant the world to him."

Diane said working at the 4-H Park gave her father a chance to meet a lot of new people, which he relished.

"He'd ride around on the mower, and when people pulled into the park it was just like they'd known him forever," she said.

Diane said nature was one of her father's truest passions.

"He'd tell my mom he was going to go sit in his office, and he'd go out and sit on his swing to watch the birds and the airplanes," she said.

Lisa Pardue was married to Everett's son Bruce for 18 years, and said her father-in-law was "a good man."

"He was like a big bear."

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she said. "He could be gruff sometimes, but usually wasn't."

Diane agreed.

"He was 6-foot-4, and had a stomach like he was nine months pregnant," she said with a chuckle. "But he was all heart, and he was so gentle."

Lisa said something she would always remember about Everett was his sensitivity.

"He could be easily moved to tears, I know that," she said. "At his mother-in-law's 95th birthday party, he wanted to stand up and say something, but he couldn't get through it."

Bruce said his father had been a drummer for local bands and had played at area taverns, and that he had gotten together with "a bunch of retirees down in Florida" to play when he moved there.

"They played at the welcome center and at housing additions," Bruce said.

Diane said she remembers her mom and dad going off to gigs when she was young.

"We'd stay at my grandma's while they went," she said.

Bruce said he sees a lot of his dad in himself, and that he likes that.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Everett and Norma Pardue, center, are pictured with their four children in this family photo. Children from left include, Diane Miller, Bruce Pardue, Connie Pardue and Rick Pardue. Everett Pardue died Jan. 7 after being diagnosed with cancer this past October. He is pictured with his first wife, Norma, who passed away in November 2000, days before what would have been the couple's 51st anniversary.

"I pretty much take after him," he said. "He was mild-mannered and even-tempered. He was a great grandfather. He didn't get to see my kids much because he lived in Florida, but he was always good with them and I know he loved them to death."

Diane said something that gets her through now that her father is gone is that it seems as though everyone who knew him has a kind word to say about him.

"The rapport he had with people he worked with over the years ... it's amazing," she said.

"I don't know of anybody who didn't like him. No one has anything but good things to say about him."

Not only did people like Everett Pardue, Diane said, but it seemed as though he always returned the sentiment.

"I don't think there was a person he wouldn't have accepted as a friend," she said.

Everett's family will hold a memorial service for him on April 8 at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. There will be calling at 10 a.m., the service at 11 a.m., and a luncheon at 11:45 a.m

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Perry Hershberger

SHIPSHEWANA — Perry N. Hershberger, 73, of Shipshewana died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. Hershberger had lived in Sarasota during the winter for the past 12 years, and spent most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was a mechanic and a member of the Old Amish Church.

Mr. Hershberger was born April 6, 1932, in LaGrange County to Noah J. and Mary (Whetstone) Hershberger. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Yoder on Jan. 22, 1953, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorene and Amos Beechy and Rosetta and Joseph Miller, all of Shipshewana; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Albert Hershberger, Nelson Hershberger, and Mahlon and Debbie Hershberger, all of Shipshewana, Perry Jr. and Esther Hershberger of Goshen, DeWayne and Gwenolyn Hershberger of LaGrange, and LeRoy and Kristel Hershberger of Schoolcraft, Mich; a brother and sister-in-law, Mahlon and Edna Hershberger of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Katie Miller of Nappanee, Polly and Aaron Peechy of Topeka and Ella and Enos Knepp of LaGrange; 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, a grandson and an infant daughter.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Marlin Mullett, 7230W C.R. 450N, Shipshewana, with the Bishop Ervin C. Miller, the Rev. Neal Eash and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Lehman Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day Tuesday at the family home, 6985W C.R. 450N, Shipshewana.

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Orville Birch

KIMMELL — Orville P. Birch, 86, of Kimmell died at 3:55 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Birch was a lifetime Noble County resident and was a retired self-employed barber.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Birch had coached Little League baseball in the Kimmell community and served as a swim instructor at Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville.

He enjoyed gardening.

He was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Noble County to Charlie and Susie (Rarick) Birch.

Surviving are three brothers, Jack Birch and Jerry Birch, both of Fort Wayne, and Gerald Birch of Ligonier; a sister, Phyllis Smith of Wolcottville; and his longtime friend who was vision-impaired, Don Cleland, who he assisted.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dale and Ralph Birch; and two sisters, Genevieve Bailey and Mildred Ross.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Friskney

ALBION — Esther L. Friskney, 87, of Albion died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2005, at Renaissance Village Health Care Center on the Allen-Whitley County line near Arcola, where she had resided since August 2005.

Mrs. Friskney was a homemaker.

She was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and had been a member of the Green Township Homemakers Club for many years.

Mrs. Friskney was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Whitley County to C. Wesley and Bertha (Robinson) Roberson. She married James E. Friskney on Sept. 30, 1939, in Nine Mile. He died June 24, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Dale Friskney of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and George Atkinson of Columbia City and Louise and Danny Stangland of Albion; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tim and Tina Atkinson of Columbia City, Tricia and Bruce Miller of Fort Wayne, Erik Stangland of Seymour and Kristin and Jeff Mains of Albion; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Burr Oak Baptis Church with Pastor Mark Woods officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health Care and Hospice or Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mary Miller

MILLERSBURG — Mary J. Miller, 61, of Millersburg died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at her home following a three-month battle with cancer.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and was the co-owner and manager of O. & M. Banquets, which she operated at her home.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 20, 1945, in Topeka to Jacob and Mary (Miller) Miller. They are deceased. She married Ora A. Miller on May 22, 1969, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann and Jack Handshoe of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ervin and Mary Miller and Eli and Elizabeth Miller, all of Topeka.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Joseph Lambright residence, 4590 S. C.R. 950W, Millersburg, with Bishop LaVern Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Honeyville Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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John Ingels

FRANKFORT — John Mark Ingels, 56, of Frankfort died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006.

Mr. Ingels was a 1968 graduate of Richmond High School and a 1974 graduate of Ball State University. He moved to Frankfort in 1974 and began working at Loehr's Inc.

In 1976, he began a 21-year career with Nixon Newspapers of Peru, Ind., as the first manager of Frankfort Cable Television.

In 1988, he was named publisher of the Frankfort Times and held that position until his resignation in 2000. While at the Frankfort Times, he was nominated by his staff and named Boss of the Year.

He was former president of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort Kiwanis and the Clinton County Boys and Girls Club, which presented him with the Man & Youth award in 1987.

He was a former officer of the Frankfort Jaycees. He served as a board member of Frankfort Main Street, Clinton County Economic Advancement Foundation and Red Barn Theater and served as a trustee of Ivy Tech State College in Lafayette.

He was born Oct. 1, 1949, in Richmond to Paul F. and Jean (Hoggatt) Ingels.

He married Julia Baysinger of Auburn in 1974. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Matthew H. Ingels of Malibu, Calif.; and a daughter, Kathleen C. Ingels of Bloomington.

Private family services will be held.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home Chapel, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

Memorials are to the Ingels children's college fund.

Condolences may be posted online at goodwinfuneralhome.com.

Robert Shoudel

FORT WAYNE — Robert A. Shoudel, 82, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, he was a technician for 20 years at Strahm Flooring, retiring in 1983.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Carpenters Union 232.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen R. Shoudel of Fort Wayne; a son, David Shoudel of Dallas; a daughter, Nancy Patton of New Haven; two sisters, Mary Roop of Auburn and Patricia Cline of Butler; and two grandchildren.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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Clara Hembree

FORT WAYNE — Clara U. Hembree, 76, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at a nursing home.

She had been a nurse at the Fort Wayne State Hospital and VA Hospital. She was a member of the Third Street Church of God.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dallas and Ann Hembree of Springfield, Ohio, and Robert Hembree of Auburn; five sisters, Tressie Siler of Williamsburg, Ky., Allie Siler of Jacksboro, Tenn., Alberta Ballard of Dayton, Ohio, Martha Goins of LaFollette, Tenn., and Mary Schoeff of Coushatta, La.; a sister-in-law, Heidi Moses; two brothers, the Rev. J.C. Moses of Gratis, Ohio, and Eugene Moses of Eaton, Ohio; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were brothers Ed, Charlie, Frank, Billy and Leon.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Pastor Truman Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Third Street Church of God food bank.

Hermit Penix

ORLAND — Hermit Penix, 91, of Orland died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

He was born Dec. 6, 1914, in Verwood, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Guy and Bertha Anderson Penix. He married Elizabeth Wills on April 10, 1935, in Orland. She preceded him in death on June 23, 1999.

Mr. Penix retired from Douglas Manufacturing after working for 24 years in purchasing and as a foreman.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 335 of Orland and a member and past commander of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423. He was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lurene and George Calloway of Bronson, Mich., and Patricia and George Walter of Loudon, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry Diane Penix of Angola; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Military committal services will be conducted by the Orland American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Masonic services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 31, 2006, Tuesday

Betty Perdue

ROANOKE, Va. — Betty Prillaman Perdue, 87, of Roanoke, Va., died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Perdue was a member of the Huntington Court United Methodist Church.

Born May 21, 1918, in Franklin County, Va., she was the daughter of Thomas Green Prillaman and Eula Prillaman. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janis Perdue Arrington and Mike Arrington of Auburn; five grandchildren, Chuck Arrington, Robbie Arrington, Lori Arrington, Jeff Arrington and Brook Arrington and their families; seven great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Perdue Jr.; a son, Robert L. Perdue III; two sisters, Lucille Bryant and Rita Woods; a half sister, Daisy Lee Jones; and a half brother, Vernon "Roy" Prillaman.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the North Chapel at Oakey's Funeral Service in Roanoke, Va. The Rev. Russell Cheatham will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery of Franklin County, Va.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Huntington Court United Methodist Church, 3333 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Delores Perkins

LYONS, Ga. — Delores B. Perkins, 62, of Lyons died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at Regional Medical Center of Vidalia, Ga., after an extended illness.

Mrs. Perkins was born in Chicago and had lived in Lyons for the past 15 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Hazlehurst, Ga.

Surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Anthony Anderson of Jesup, Ga., Tracy and Bill Zimmerman of Hudson, Karen and Anthony Emerick and Kathy and Chad Neesmith, all of Vidalia, Krissy Derrick Oliver of Collins, Ga., Dottie and Barney Hutcheson of Lyons and Connie Jo and Garrett Durrence of Glenville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Nikole Perkins of Vidalia; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Terry Taylor of Hazlehurst; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ronnie L. Stewart Family Funeral Service, Chapel of Vidalia, with the Rev. Bill Vansant officiating. Burial will be in Pinecrest Cemetery, Vidalia.

Calling will be Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Tracy Zimmerman Leukemia Fund in care of the funeral home.

Adelle Long

ANGOLA — Adelle C. Long, 90, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Long was born Sept. 17, 1915, in Convoy, Ohio, to Alonzo J. and Clara M. (Sweeney) Heckler. She was a 1933 graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne.

She married R. Virgil Long on May 30, 1936, in Waynedale, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1999. She worked at Moore Business Forms in Angola for over 12 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Myrna Stiverson of Angola and Clarice Moss of Humboldt, Tenn.; three sisters, Audrey Prince and Erma Horine of Waynedale and Lucy Heckman of Hastings, Mich.; a brother, Loren Heckler of Melton, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Kenneth P. Stiverson and Herbert Moss.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Floral Cemetery in Pioneer, Ohio.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and also one hour before services on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church Cameron Home Healthcare, Angola.

Condolences may be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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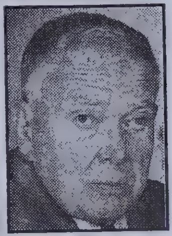
William Shumaker

KENDALLVILLE — William W. Shumaker, 79, of Kendallville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.


Mr. Shumaker

Mr. Shumaker owned Shumaker Bakery in Fort Wayne from 1947 to 1967. He was then employed by Scott's Foods. In 1981, he opened Shumaker Wholesale Bakery, which he operated until his retirement in 1992.

He graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne and served his country during World War II. He was in the U.S. Navy until 1946.

Mr. Shumaker was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born April 23, 1926, in Ashley to John Wier and Alma (Kempf) Shumaker. He married Wanda Stein on Nov. 26, 1949, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Cathy Shumaker of Plymouth, Mich., and Steve and Marcia Shumaker of Wolcottville; five grandchildren, Matthew Shumaker, Andrew Shumaker and Sarah Shumaker, all of Plymouth, Mich., David Shumaker of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jennifer Shumaker of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary B. Miller

SYRACUSE — Mary B. Miller, 91, of Syracuse died at 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa.

Mrs. Miller had moved to Syracuse from Kendallville in 1940.

She was a homemaker and member of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church in Syracuse and its Ebenezer Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Miller was born July 18, 1914, in Kendallville to George and Anna (Jones) Trowbridge. She married Roy L. Miller on Sept. 27, 1940. He died May 20, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Denys and Kay Miller of Kimmell; a daughter, Beth Ann Williams of Syracuse; three grandchildren, David Miller, Sarah Williams and Amy Williams; and a great-grandchild, Gabriel Gaona.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Miller, in 1998; and a brother, Byron Trowbridge.

Graveside services were today at Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 31, 2006, Tuesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error.*

Mary J. Miller

MILLERSBURG — Mary J. Miller, 61, of Millersburg died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at her home following a three-month battle with cancer.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and was the co-owner and manager of O. & M. Banquets, which she operated at her home.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 20, 1945, in Topeka to Jacob and Mary (Miller) Miller. They are deceased. She married Ora A. Miller on May 22, 1969, in Topeka. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann and Jack Handshoe of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ervin and Mary Miller and Eli and Elizabeth Miller, all of Topeka.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Joseph Lambright residence, 4590 S. C.R. 950W, Millersburg, with Bishop LaVern Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Honeyville Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be all day today at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Gene Peters

AVILLA — Former Avilla businessman and Allen Township Trustee Gene "Pete" Peters, 77, of Avilla died at 11:32 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Peters was a lifetime Avilla and LaOtto resident.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Suzanne Beckstedt

FORT WAYNE — Suzanne M. Beckstedt, 53, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Dupont Hospital.

Mrs. Beckstedt was a registered nurse and had worked in the burn unit at St. Joseph Hospital for 35 years.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Mrs. Beckstedt and her husband, Carl, have been foster parents for six years and cared for 13 foster children.

She was born July 1, 1952, in Fort Wayne to George and Joan (Muldoon) Skordos. They died in 2004.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah Beckstedt, Emily Beckstedt and Kathryn and Matthew Hoekstra, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Nicholas Skordos and Michael and Jeanine Skordos, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joanrita and Gerald Taube of Garrett and Molly and John Oury of Avilla; and a grandson, Nicholas.

She was also preceded in death by a nephew, Tyler Skordos, in 1999.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with the Rev. James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road.

Memorials are to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 1, 2006, Wesnesday

Gene Peters

AVILLA — Gene "Pete" Peters, 77, of Avilla died at 11:32 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Jan. 26.

Mr. Peters had owned and operated Pete's Shell Station in Avilla from 1957 to 1977. He also co-owned LaOtto Realty & Auctioneering until 1984 and served as Allen Township trustee for several years.

He served as bar manager at Avilla American Legion Post 240 from 1984-1996.

Mr. Peters was a 1946 graduate of Avilla High School and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He had served as commander of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and as past northern vice commander of the state of Indiana American Legion.

Mr. Peters was a member of 40 & 8, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and the Huntertown Masonic Lodge.

He was born Nov. 2, 1928, in LaOtto to Raymond and Hazel (Campbell) Peters. He married Donnabell Mae Miller on Nov. 1, 1958, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She died May 27, 1982. He then married Lillian Juengle Rasler on Aug. 29, 1987, in Immanuel Lutheran Church. She died Dec. 15, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brett and Pam Peters of Avilla and Chad and Lynda Wappes of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and James Woodward of Garrett; a sister, Chloe Davis of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four stepchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his father, his mother and his stepfather, Bob Balliet.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post 240 will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Nate Wappes, Jason Woodward, Eric Woodward, Scott Davis, Mark Davis and Tom Davis. Honorary pallbearers will be Kyle Peters, Taylor Peters, Brooks Miller, Hunter Woodward, Landon Woodward and Kim Davis.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

Betty Lear

INDIANAPOLIS — Betty Louise Lear, 80, of Indianapolis and formerly of Greencastle died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lear had retired from Putnam County Hospital as a medical records librarian.

She was a member of the Mother's Study Club for many years.

Mrs. Lear was born May 16, 1925, in Putnam County to Ralph R. and Clara (Pifer) Crawley. She married Warren Bo Lear on May 18, 1950. He died Sept. 10, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rich and Patti Lear of Fishers and William and Claudette Lear of Kendallville; a daughter, Anne Lear of Indianapolis; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Timothy Lear.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home in Greencastle with the Rev. Paul Bowen officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Putnam County Community Foundation, 2 S. Jackson St., Greencastle, IN 46135.

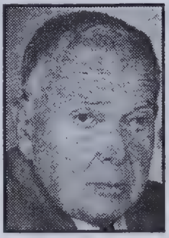
Condolences may be sent online to inbth@keystone-group.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 1, 2006, Wesnesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct a funeral home error.*

William Shumaker

KENDALLVILLE — William W. Shumaker, 79, of Kendallville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Kendallville Manor.


Mr. Shumaker

Mr. Shumaker owned Shumaker Bakery in Fort Wayne from 1947 to 1967. He was then employed by Scott's Foods. In 1981, he opened Shumaker Wholesale Bakery, which he operated until his retirement in 1992.

He graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne and served his country during World War II. He was in the U.S. Navy until 1946.

Mr. Shumaker was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born April 23, 1926, in Ashley to John Wier and Alma (Kempf) Shumaker. He married Wanda Stein on Nov. 26, 1949, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Cathy Shumaker of Plymouth, Mich., and Steve and Marcia Shumaker of Wolcottville; five grandchildren, Matthew Shumaker, Andrew Shumaker and Sarah Shumaker, all of Plymouth, Mich., David Shumaker of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jennifer Shumaker of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Forrest Campbell

ALBION — Forrest F. Campbell, 63, of Albion died at 6:06 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Vivian LeMaster

HOWE — Vivian C. LeMaster, 85, of Howe died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. LeMaster had moved to Howe in 2000 from Hemphill, Texas.

She was a homemaker and had taught school in Wells County. She was an associate professor of English literature at Huntington University in Huntington.

Mrs. LeMaster was a member of Fairdale Baptist Church in Hemphill.

She was born Feb. 25, 1920, in Central, S.C., to Ira and Nancy (Wham) Chapman. She married Douglas F. LeMaster on Jan. 1, 1944, in Kannapolis, N.C. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas Jr. and Anita LeMaster of Bluffton; a sister, Vessie Belk of Kannapolis; a brother, Ira Chapman Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 1, 2006, Wednesday

Orville Birch, 86

KIMMELL - Orville P. Birch, 86, of Kimmell died at 3:55 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Birch was a lifetime Noble County resident and was a retired self-employed barber.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Birch had coached Little League baseball in the Kimmell community and served as a swim instructor at Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville.

He enjoyed gardening.

He was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Noble County to Charlie and Susie (Rarick) Birch.

Surviving are three brothers, Jack Birch and Jerry Birch, both of Fort Wayne, and Gerald Birch of Ligonier; a sister, Phyllis Smith of Wolcottville; and his longtime friend, Don Cleland, who he assisted.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dale and Ralph Birch; and two sisters, Genevieve Bailey and Mildred Ross.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Esther L. Friskney, 87

Esther L. Friskney, 87 a former resident of rural Albion, Indiana died early Saturday morning in the Renaissance Village Health Care Center where she had been a patient since August 2005.

Esther was born October 24, 1918 in Whitley County, Indiana to C. Wesley and Bertha (Robinson) Roberson.

She had been a homemaker and lived in Churubusco, Indiana until her marriage on September 30, 1939 in Nine Mile Indiana to James E. Friskney. He passed away on June 24, 2001.

They both were members of Burr Oak Baptist Church, and she also was a member of the Green Twp. Homemakers Club for many years.

Survivors include her children, Dale W. Friskney; Louise (Danny) Stangland of Albion, and Linda C. (George) Atkinson of Columbia City. Four grandchildren, Tim (Tina) Atkinson of Columbia City, Tricia (Bruce) Miller of Fort Wayne, Erik Stangland of Seymour, Indiana and Kristin (Jeff) Mains of Albion. Also three great-grandchildren Luke Miller, Benjamin Atkinson and Elisabeth Mains.

Funeral services were held Wednesday February 1st at Burr Oak Baptist Church. Pastor Mark Woods officiated. Burial took place at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, Indiana.

Ruth Uhrick, 77

Ruth E. Uhrick, 77, of Albion died Wednseday, January 25, 2006 at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Uhrick was a homemaker and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1928, in Danville, Ill. She married Earl Uhrick on January 31, 1948. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Deb and Joe Hinen of Albion; two sons, Steve Uhrick of Albion and Rick Uhrick of Fort Wayne; one sister, Juanita Leitch of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, four sisters and two brothers.

Services were held Saturday, January 28th at the Chapel of the Woods in Lindenwood Cemetery. Pastor Robert Arenobine officiated.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Noble Home Health Care and Hospice or to the Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 1, 2006, Wednesday

Mary M. Schultz, 96

Mary M. Schultz, 96 died in Austin, Texas January 23, 2006 at the home of her daughter.

Mary was born June 26, 1909 in Paulding County, Ohio to the late Harvey and Adah Rosetta (Snell) Gordon.

She attended the Armstrong School in Crane Twp., and the Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio.

In 1933 she married George R. Miller in Cecil, Paulding County, Ohio.

In 1945 they moved to Churubusco, Indinan where she owned and operated Mary's Beauty Shop in the 1950s. Then in 1967 she moved to Florida where she resided until returning to Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1996.

Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by 3 sons; Robert (Janet Meyer) Miller of Albion, Harry (Sandra Dafforn) Miller of Copperas Cove, Tx., Kenneth (Carol Ladig) Miller of Fort Wayne, In and 1 daughter Carol Miller Schuster of Austin, Tx. 1 sister-in-law Iren (Fred) Gordon of Fort Wayne.

She also left 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were husbands George R. Miller in 1964, Vaughn J. Laymon in 1970 and Clarence E. Schultz in 2001. Daughter Shirley A. (Miller) Powell in 1993 and a great grandson John Paul Mallane in 2003, also brothers William E. gordon of Melrose, Ohio, Forrest H.Gordon Dayton, Ohio, Fred E. Gordon Fort Wayne and a sister Flora Ione (Gordon) Franks of Antwerp, Ohio.

Services were held Saturday, January 28th at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Pastor Timothy D. Grable officiated. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery in Cecil, Ohio.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net

Suzanne Beckstedt, 53

FORT WAYNE – Suzanne M. Beckstedt, 53, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Dupont Hospital.

Mrs. Beckstedt was a registered nurse and had worked in the burn unit at St. Joseph Hospital for 35 years.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Mrs. Beckstedt and her husband, Carl, have been foster parents for six years and cared for 13 foster children.

She was born July 1, 1952, in Fort Wayne to George and Joan (Muldoon) Skordos. They died in 2004.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah Beckstedt, Emily Beckstedt and Kathryn and Matthew Hoekstra, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Nicholas Skordos and Michael and Jeanine Skordos, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joanrita and Gerald Taube of Garrett and Molly and John Oury of Avilla; and a grandson, Nicholas.

She was also preceded in death by a nephew, Tyler Skordos, in 1999.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2006, at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with the Rev. James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road.

Memorials are to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 1, 2006, Wednesday

Mary Miller, 91

SYRACUSE – Mary B. Miller, 91, of Syracuse died at 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa.

Mrs. Miller had moved to Syracuse from Kendallville in 1940.

She was a homemaker and member of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church in Syracuse and its Ebenezer Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Miller was born July 18, 1914, in Kendallville to George and Anna (Jones) Trowbridge. She married Roy L. Miller on Sept. 27, 1940. He died May 20, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Denys and Kay Miller of Kimmell; a daughter, Beth Ann Williams of Syracuse; three grandchildren, David Miller, Sarah Williams and Amy Williams; and a great-grandchild, Gabriel Gaona.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Miller, in 1998; and a brother, Byron Trowbridge.

Graveside services were held Monday, January 31, 2006, at Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Gene "Pete" Peters, 77

AVILLA – Former Avilla businessman and Allen Township Trustee Gene "Pete" Peters, 77, of Avilla died at 11:32 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A lifetime resident of the Avilla and LaOtto areas, he was born to Raymond Peters and Hazel Peters (Campbell) on November 2, 1928.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1946.

He was married to Donnabell Mae (Miller) on November 1, 1958 at the Immanual Lutheran Church in Avilla. She passed away on May 27, 1982. He then married Lillian (Juengle) Rasler on August 29, 1987 at the Immanual Lutheran Church in Avilla. She passed away on December 15, 1996.

Mr. Peters served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant during the Korean Conflict. He was very active in the Avilla American Legion Post #240 and was a Post Commander. He was also a Past Northern Vice Commander of the State of Indiana American Legion. His other memberships include the 40 & 8 Organization, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, and Huntertown F&AM Masonic Lodge.

He was the owner and operator of Pete's Shell Station in Avilla from 1957 to 1977. He co-owned LaOtto Realty & Auctioneering until 1984, was bar manager at the Avilla American Legion Post #240 from 1984 until 1996, and served as Allen Township trustee for several years.

He is survived by two sons, Brett (Pam) Peters of Avilla and Chad (Lynda) Wappes of Kendallville; one daughter Sherry (James) Woodard of Garrett; one sister Chloe Davis nee Peters of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four step-children.

Mr. Peters was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Peters; mother, Hazel Peters nee Campbell; first wife, Donnabell Mae Peters nee Miller; and second wife, Lillian Peters nee Juengle.

Services will be held Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel with Pastor Tom Novy officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 1, 2006 from 2 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Immanual Lutheran Church Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by Avilla American Legion Post #240. Pallbearers will be Nate Wappes, Jason and Eric Woodward, Scott, Mark and Tom Davis. Honorary Pallbearers will by Kyle and Taylor Peters, Brooks Miller, Hunter and Landon Woodward and Kim Davis. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Immanual Lutheran Church Pre-School.

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Pauline Worden

GARRETT — Pauline June (Smith) Worden, 77, of Garrett died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Worden

Mrs. Worden was born near Ashley to Paul E. and Blanche Smith. She was a graduate of Warner's Beauty School and was employed by International Harvester.

Upon moving to Garrett, she operated Worden's Beauty Shop for 20 years. She and her husband retired to Florida in 1979, where she obtained her real estate broker's license.

Her hobbies included golf, puzzles and playing cards.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Harry; two sons and daughters-in-law, Denny and Linda Worden of Angola and Randy and Diana Worden of Noblesville; two grandsons, Joel Worden of Noblesville and Eric Worden of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Pat Smith of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a twin brother, Paul E. Smith Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 2000 North Wells St., Building 5, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Paul Johnson

AUBURN — Paul J. Johnson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Johnson

Born in Garrett, Mr. Johnson worked as a trainman with the B&O Railroad for 41 years, retiring in 1983. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett Eagles Lodge 1357, Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and American Legion Post 178 of Garrett.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Johnson; three nephews, Mitchell A. Newell of Huntington, Michael C. Newell of Warsaw and Mark R. Newell of Auburn; two nieces, Audrey Baer of Columbia City and Angie Newell of Fort Wayne; and a special friend, Josephine Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Johnson, and second wife, Martha L. Johnson.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m.in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Joseph Catholic School.

Joan Bobay

FORT WAYNE — Joan M. "Jody" Bobay, 74, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, she was a freelance sports writer with The News-Sentinel and Today's Catholic. She previously worked at WKJG Radio and TV.

She was a piano teacher, a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and ZTA Sorority and a 1953 graduate of Indiana University.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry Bobay and John and Teresa Bobay, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Bob Nicola, also of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Amy and Bobby Nicola; her mother, Helen Carlin of Garrett; and a brother, Bill Carlin of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, in 1996.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne with a vigil at 5 p.m. Additional calling will be Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Televised Mass in care of Catholic Communications.

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Juanita Gronau

FORT WAYNE — Juanita M. Gronau, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Riverbend Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in St. Joe in DeKalb County, she was a security officer with Kmart for 15 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Eagles, Moose Lodge and American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Daryl Dean and Debbie Gronau of Wilmington, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gene Baumgartner of Decatur; a sister, Edith Hershberger of Auburn; a brother, Norman William Cook of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Bev Gronau of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar A. Gronau, in 1967; a son, Terry Gronau, in 2002; two sisters, Dorothy Hall and Marie Hand; and a grandson, Brian Gronau.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery of Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society Greater Fort Wayne Unit, 1417 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Ferris Croy

YODER — Ferris Bond Croy, 69, of Yoder died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, he was a die cutter with Prentice Products for 40 years. He retired in 2001 from TDR Screen Graphics after nine years.

Surviving are his wife, Diane J. Croy; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn D. Barnett of Fort Wayne and Kelly A. and Dan Pemberton of New Haven; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Jona Croy of Yoder and Mark Croy of LaOtto; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a sister, Wanda Potts of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Lester Waterson of Auburn and Reed Ellis of Carrolton, Ga.

A daughter-in-law, Jayne Croy, preceded him in death.

Services will be at noon Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Jean Adam

NAPLES, Fla. — Jean A. Adam, 68, of Naples died Jan. 27, 2006.

Mrs. Adam was a graduate of Cromwell High School and was self-employed doing private duty health care.

She was born July 3, 1937, in Cromwell to Charles Edward and Myril (Leamon) Burns.

Surviving are a sister, Bobbe J. Singleton of Greenwood, Ind.; and two brothers, Creighton Burns of Saginaw, Mich., and Jon Burns of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Billie Ham.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ligonier United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, Indianapolis, is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Bailey

GARRETT — Michael Bailey, 65, of Garrett died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

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Gene Peters

AVILLA — Gene "Pete" Peters, 77, of Avilla died at 11:32 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Jan. 26.

Mr. Peters

Mr. Peters had owned and operated Pete's Shell Station in Avilla from 1957 to 1977. He also co-owned LaOtto Realty & Auctioneering until 1984 and served as Allen Township trustee for several years.

He served as bar manager at Avilla American Legion Post 240 from 1984-1996.

Mr. Peters was a 1946 graduate of Avilla High School and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He had served as commander of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and as past northern vice commander of the state of Indiana American Legion.

Mr. Peters was a member of 40 & 8, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and the Huntertown Masonic Lodge.

He was born Nov. 2, 1928, in LaOtto to Raymond and Hazel (Campbell) Peters. He married Donnabell Mae Miller on Nov. 1, 1958, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She died May 27, 1982. He then married Lillian Juengle Rasler on Aug. 29, 1987, in Immanuel Lutheran Church. She died Dec. 15, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brett and Pam Peters of Avilla and Chad and Lynda Wappes of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and James Woodward of Garrett; a sister, Chloe Davis of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four stepchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his father, his mother and his stepfather, Bob Balliet.

Services were today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post 240 were at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nate Wappes, Jason Woodward, Eric Woodward, Scott Davis, Mark Davis and Tom Davis. Honorary pallbearers were Kyle Peters, Taylor Peters, Brooks Miller, Hunter Woodward, Landon Woodward and Kim Davis.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

Forrest Campbell

ALBION — Forrest Campbell, 63, of Albion died at 6:20 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell had been employed doing piece work at Foundations in Albion.

He was a graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Campbell loved to fish and loved his job.

He was born Jan. 11, 1943, in Wolf Lake to Claude W. and Betty (Gibson) Campbell. He married Sandra L. Hampshire on June 29, 1993, in Wolf Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, James C. and Barbara Campbell of Big Lake; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Terry Danning of Avilla; and a stepgrandson, Michael Danning.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Glenda Bryant; and a stepbrother, Hershall Adams.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 2, 2006, Thursday

Jean Adam

NAPLES, Fla. — Jean A. Adam, 68 of Naples, passed away January 27, 2006. She was born July 3, 1937 in Cromwell, to the late Charles Edward and Myril Leamon Burns.

She was a graduate of Cromwell High School and was self employed doing Private Duty Healthcare. Her survivors include sister Bobbe J. Singleton of Greenwood, IN; brothers Creighton Burns of Saginaw, Mich., and Jon Burns of Ligonier. She was preceded in death by her sister Billie Ham.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with visitation 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Arrangements are being handled by Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, Indianapolis,.

Orville P. Birch

Orville P. Birch, 86, of Kimmell died at 3:55 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Birch was a lifetime Noble County resident and was a retired self-employed barber.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Birch had coached Little League baseball in the Kimmell community and served as a swim instructor at Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville.

He enjoyed gardening.

He was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Noble County to Charlie and Susie (Rarick) Birch.

Surviving are three brothers, Jack Birch and Jerry Birch, both of Fort Wayne, and Gerald Birch of Ligonier; a sister, Phyllis Smith of Wolcottville; and his longtime friend who was vision-impaired, Don Cleland, who he assisted.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dale and Ralph Birch; and two sisters, Genevieve Bailey and Mildred Ross.

Graveside services were Tuesday, January 31 at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Mary J. Miller

Mary J. Miller, 61, of Millersburg died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at her home following a three-month battle with cancer.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and was the co-owner and manager of O. & M. Banquets, which she operated at her home.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 20, 1945, in Topeka to Jacob and Mary (Miller) Miller. They are deceased. She married Ora A. Miller on May 22, 1969, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann and Jack Handshoe of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ervin and Mary Miller and Eli and Elizabeth Miller, all of Topeka.

Services were Wednesday, February 1 at the Joseph Lambright residence, Millersburg, with Bishop LaVern Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial was in Honeyville Cemetery in Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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February 3, 2006, Friday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being rerun to list additional relatives.*

Paul Johnson

AUBURN — Paul J. Johnson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Johnson

Born in Garrett, Mr. Johnson worked as a trainman with the B&O Railroad for 41 years, retiring in 1983. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett Eagles Lodge 1357, Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and American Legion Post 178 of Garrett.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Johnson; four nephews, Mitchell A. Newell of Huntington, Michael C. Newell of Warsaw, Mark R. Newell of Auburn and Roger Goss of Fort Wayne; four nieces, Audrey Baer of Columbia City, Angie Newell of Fort Wayne, Theresa Simmons of Fort Wayne and Nanette Soellinger of Fort Wayne; and a special friend, Josephine Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Johnson, and second wife, Martha L. Johnson.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Joseph Catholic School.

THE NEWS SUN
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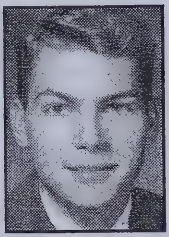
February 4, 2006, Saturday

Former Angola Mayor Donald Sell, 77, dies

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Former Angola Mayor Donald E. Sell, 77, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2006, at home after a battle with cancer.



Mr. Sell

Mr. Sell was born Nov. 27, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Donald R. and Mildred (Van Houten) Sell. He was married to Ann Wilhelm in 1975, and she survives.

He was the youngest mayor in the history of Angola, serving from 1964 to 1966. He was the owner of Don's Bootery, a Stride Rite shoe store that was located on Public Square.

Also surviving are three sons, Thomas Jay of Howell, Mich. and Christopher and Patrick, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Deborah Andrus of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Lee (Sell) Hosey of Angola; a cousin, Joseph Weaver of Lake Gage; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Dec. 31, 2005, at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church in Fort Myers.

Memorials are to Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Connar Dutton

GARRETT — Connar Matthew Dutton, 6 months old, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born July 21, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Steven C. Minnich of Garrett and Kelle R. Dutton, also of Garrett; a brother, Trae C. Minnich of Auburn; and his grandparents, Amy Truesdell of Garrett, John Dutton of Hamilton and Sterling and Wendy Robbins of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with John Adams officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to the Children's Hospitality House.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wilmer Wagler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wilmer Wagler, 79, of Hicksville and formerly of Sarasota, Fla., died Friday morning, Feb. 3, 2006, in his home.

Mr. Wagler was a farmer and woodworker. While living in Sarasota, he and his wife were caretakers at a group home. He was a member of the Tourist Mennonite Church in Sarasota and attended the Hicksville Mennonite Church in Hicksville.

He was born Aug. 8, 1926, in Loogootee, Fla. to William and Mary (Yoder) Wagler. They preceded him in death.

In 1951, he married Betty Graber. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Donna Wagler of Auburn, William and Linda Wagler of Hicksville, Menno and Ada Wagler of Hudson, Joe and Kathy Wagler of Sarasota, Fla., James and Abigail Wagler of Fremont and Michael and Tanya Wagler of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Kenny Crites of Hicksville, Julia and Kenny Wallace of Nashville, Tenn., and Hannah and Dwayne Weaver of Harrisonburg, Va.; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; four brothers, Omer, Simon, Ray and Dale Wagler; and three sisters, Lena Barkman, Mildred Delagrange and Catherine Delagrange.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Wilmer Jr.; a daughter, Elizabeth; a sister, Rose Delagrange; and infant brothers Wilbur and William.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hicksville Mennonite Church. Pastor Steve Eicher will officiate. Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is at the church today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Smith and Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is handling arrangements.

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Evelyn Roy

TOPEKA — Evelyn E. Roy, 92, of Topeka died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at her home.

She had been a nurse in the offices of Drs. Hildebrand and Nichols.

A LaGrange County native, she was born Oct. 17, 1913, to Freeman and Pearl (Chrisman) Bobeck. On March 23, 1941, in Summittville, she married Burdette Roy.

Mrs. Roy

She was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church, where she had been a Sunday school superintendent and teacher and also a deaconess. She had been a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and had been a volunteer with the Red Cross Blood Bank. She worked on the LaGrange County election board.

Mrs. Roy had been involved with the Mennonite Relief Sale where she had a cookie booth. She also enjoyed quilting and spending time with her family.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharron Seniff of Elkhart, Sheryle and Philip Schrock of South Bend, Sally and Thomas Prymak of Doylestown, Pa., and Susan Moser of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband; one brother, Karl Bobeck; and a granddaughter, Valerie Schrock.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Topeka Mennonite Church, the Rev. Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Carl Myers Jr.

SPENCERVILLE — Carl W. Myers Jr., 57, of Spencerville died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was a tax preparer in Spencerville and had worked in quality assurance at Federal Mogul.

Mr. Myers was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born in Portland May 25, 1948, to the late Carl William and Betty Louise (Lewis) Moses Myers.

On Jan. 19, 1975, he married Constance Osborn in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hillary Myers of Spencerville; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Loshe of Bluffton; a sister, Margaret Jolayne Ely of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one nephew; and three nieces.

There will be no calling or services.

Arrangements are by the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

THE NEWS SUN
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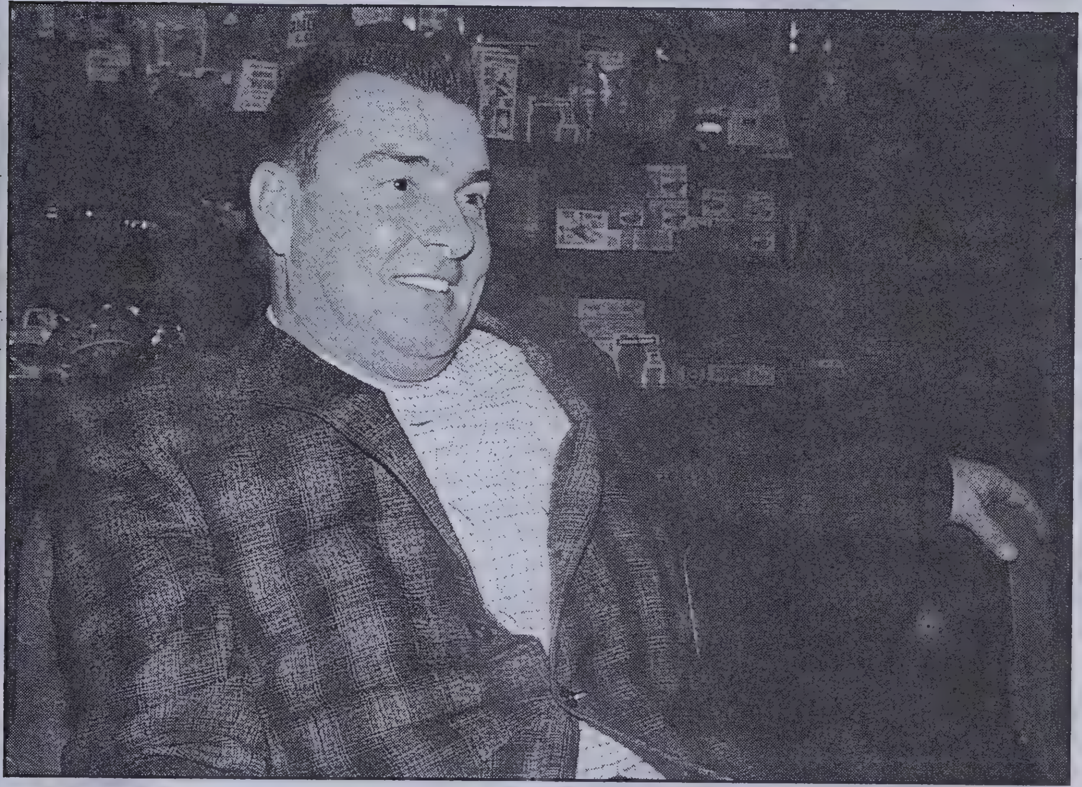
David Wible lived adventurous life



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Dave Wible sits in the shoe section of the Wible Department Store in Wolcottville, which he and his wife, Gene, operated from 1948 to 1977. Mr. Wible had been a member of an acrobatic troupe at the time he was drafted for World War II. His military job was photography.

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — David Wible always was adventurous, according to his wife of nearly 62 years, Gene.

Mr. Wible, 85, died Jan. 18, 2006, at the home he and Gene shared on Kendallville's east side.

"When he was only 4 years old, he climbed the windmill on the family farm," his wife said. "He told me he was glad his dad came up and got him. His parents were afraid the spinning windmill would knock him off!"

When Mr. Wible was 6, he was operating a tractor on the family farm, northwest of Blackman Lake near South Milford.

"He was too short to reach the foot pedals, so his father would get the tractor and plow going, and then jump off. Dave would plow until his father came to get him and jump back on and stop it," she laughed.

His father, Arthur, raised onions and potatoes. Mr. Wible developed strong arms and shoulders on his 5-foot, 9-inch frame lifting 60-pound crates of vegetables. He could lift five at a time, Mrs. Wible said.

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Unable to sell onions for more than 50 cents a crate, Mr. Wible looked for ways to make some money to help his parents. Through Art Bassett, a family friend, he was allowed to quit school and join brothers Les and Buddy Whitson and their acrobatic troupe.

“He was a bottom man,“ Mrs. Wible explained. He threw the Whitsons and other troupe members as they somersaulted through the air. He traveled the country performing with the troupe, once spending three months at the Empire Room in Chicago and then two months at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

When the Whitsons cut the act from six men to four, Mrs. Wible recalled, Mr. Wible returned to Kendallville High School. He was nearing graduation in 1941 when he again was asked to join the troupe.

“He said no, because he wanted to finish high school, but it was arranged that he could get more time for testing,“ his wife recalled. He was still performing when he was drafted, and arrived home with only enough time to spend 30 minutes with his family before reporting to the Selective Service Office in LaGrange for induction.

Mrs. Wible, who had been dating her future husband, said she was especially fond of the blue-and-gold uniforms worn by the acrobatic troupe. “They wore what you would call a sport coat now,“ with gold pants, she said.

Stationed in Texas where Mr. Wible took portraits of graduates of bombardier school, among other things, the Wibles were married Feb. 26, 1944. They tried to get word to Mr. Wible’s brother, John, who was with the U.S. Army in Europe. It was March before they learned that John Wible had been killed at Casino, in the Italian campaign, on Feb. 10.

Mrs. Wible was introduced to the adventurous side of her husband’s life when they traveled by Indian motorcycle 1,500 miles from Texas to the family home. They would have a life together in which they did everything together, she said, except fishing.

“Dave loved to fish, and I did fish with him some, but not very often,“ she laughed. “He would say, ‘Oh, let’s just go out for an hour,’ and we would be gone for six hours,“ she said. “I didn’t care for that so much.

“He always said he wanted me with him, and we always worked together,“ she continued. The exception was a few short years after Mr. Wible retired from the LaGrange County Highway Department, and she continued to work at Peoples Federal Savings Bank in LaGrange.

Together they operated Wible’s Department Store in Wolcottville from 1948 to 1977. The store “had a little bit of everything“ and on Saturday nights during the first 10 or so years, the store stayed open until the movie theater located behind the store emptied at 11 p.m.

Mrs. Wible said people would come in after the show and visit, and in the summer, when it was hot, a whole group of people would go to the Atwood Lake beach for a swim.

“Dave always liked a good laugh, and he loved people,“ Mrs. Wible said. “He never saw a stranger.“

Mrs. Wible said they never had children of their own, but children were attracted to her husband, especially nieces and nephews and later, their children.

“We were best friends, and he always made my life interesting,“ she said of her husband. “We laughed a lot.“

Mrs. Wible said her husband remained active in retirement, and liked to be busy. She said her husband loved to drive, and they took drives nearly every day. Often they drove by the old family farm, which she said is now a “buffalo ranch.“

Mr. Wible died suddenly, after an illness of just a few days, and as they had been for nearly 62 years, they were together.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 5, 2006, Sunday

Sylvia Fraley

FREMONT — Sylvia Jean Neeley Fraley, 91, of Fremont died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at her residence.

She was born Aug. 28, 1914, in Magoffin County, Ky., to Marion Day and Pauline (Allen) Neely. She married Payne Fraley in 1937 in Ashland, Ky. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1975.

She was a former employee of Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. She also worked at the Holiday House and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 Auxiliary, a Gold Star Mother and enjoyed embroidery, quilting and flowers.

She is survived by four daughters and two sons-in-law, Renea Walters of Angola, Christine Fraley of Pace, Fla., Wendie and Howard Petre of Angola, and Kay and John Steinbarger of Milton, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Diane Fraley of Pleasant Lake and Bill and Sharon Fraley of Angola; a step-sister, Emma Neeley of Fremont; a brother-in-law, Thomas R. Fraley of Fremont; a sister-in-law, Mildred Fraley of Pulaski, Mich.; 21 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her siblings; two sons, Gary Thomas Fraley in 1967 and Willie Day Howard in 2002; a son-in-law, Ronnie Walters; two grandsons; and one great-grandson.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Scott Saltsman officiating. Burial is in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice or Fremont American Legion Auxiliary.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 6, 2006, Monday

Trevor Roberts

KIMMELL — Trevor Scott Roberts, 20, of Kimmell died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in a single-car accident on C.R. 50N.

Mr. Roberts

Mr. Roberts was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was a pre-delivery inspector for Keystone Corp. and a student at Ivy Tech.

He attended Stone's Hill Community Church.

Mr. Roberts enjoyed riding his motorcycle, classic cars and spending time with his dog, Kumar.

He was born Jan. 27, 1986, in Goshen to Ricky and Michele (Sontag) Roberts. His father survives in Kimmell, and his mother survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Brandi and Doug Pennington of North Manchester; a half brother, Christopher Stanley of Brimfield; two nieces, Cassie Stanley and Ashlynn Pennington; a nephew, Cayden Pennington; and his grandfathers, Rudy Sontag of Wawaka and Sherman Roberts of LaGrange.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stone's Hill Community Church with Nathan Reynolds and Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church Youth Group.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel Slone, 85, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Slone

Mrs. Slone was born in Jashcreek, Ky., on Aug. 2, 1920, to Lias and Cindy (Cook) Johnson. She married Earl Slone on March 21, 1942, in Pike County, Ky., and he preceded her death Dec. 26, 1974.

She was a homemaker and loved sewing, quilting and crocheting. She was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in rural Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beatrice and Ross Arnold of Kendallville; two son and daughters-in-law, Clinen "Buddy" and Judy Slone of Wittman, Ariz., and Clemmine "Clem" and Brenda Slone of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren; a sister, Azel Caudill of Albion, Mich.; 32 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two children, Maxine Slone and Clarence Slone; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; two brothers, William Johnson and Charlie Johnson; and six sisters, Martha Mullett, Mary Huff, Manerva Caudill, Sarah Thornsbury, Rose Ellen Collier and Elizabeth Newsome.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Justin Arnold, Dillon Rasnake, Dennis Rasnake, Ted Prater, Bill Sexton and Doug Holliman.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Beula Valentine

KENDALLVILLE — Beula L. Valentine, 81, of Kendallville died at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Crash kills man

Trevor Roberts thrown from SUV near Kimmell

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KIMMELL — A Kimmell man was killed when he was thrown from his sport-utility vehicle late Saturday between Kimmell and Wolf Lake, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Roberts

Trevor Scott Roberts, 20, of Kimmell was eastbound on C.R. 50N just west of U.S. 33 at 10:25 p.m. when he lost control of his Jeep Wrangler. It left the road and rolled end-over-end, ejecting Roberts through the torn open roof.

It appears Roberts was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, police said.

A Noble County deputy coroner was called to the scene at 10:52 p.m.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said this morning that an autopsy conducted Sunday on Roberts showed he died of blunt force trauma to the abdomen.

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CRASH: *Family told officer that Roberts was going to visit friends*

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There was blowing snow and the road was ice-covered, deputies said. Those conditions appeared to be the primary cause of the crash. "It was pretty bad out there," said Deputy Shane Coney, the investigating officer for the crash.

Coney reported that one of Roberts' family members told deputies Roberts was on his way to Fort Wayne to visit some friends when the wreck occurred. Roberts was only one to 1 1/2 miles from home when the crash took place, Coney said.

Roberts was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was a pre-delivery inspector for Keystone Corp. and a student at Ivy Tech.

A complete obituary for Mr. Roberts appears on Page A4.

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Robert Robbins

BURR OAK, Mich. — Robert F. Robbins, 91, of Burr Oak died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis.

Mr. Robbins

He was born Dec. 28, 1914, in Fawn River Township, Mich., to Cleon L. and Edith (Ebersole) Robbins. He married Dorothea Kaas at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burr Oak on March 16, 1935. She survives.

Mr. Robbins had resided in the Burr Oak area his entire life and graduated from Burr Oak High School with the class of 1933. For 25 years he and his wife enjoyed spending their winters at their home in Florida.

He was a farmer and a skilled carpenter.

He was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he held all the offices of the church and Sunday school.

Mr. Robbins was a member of the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau and was a past president of the Farmers Co-Op. He was also very active in 4-H, serving as a leader for many years. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, crafts and traveling. His greatest joy was time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and David Roudebush of Pleasant Lake and Judy and Phillip Chrisman of Nappanee; a sister, Jean Thrams of Burr Oak; a brother-in-law, Herbert Haskins of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Steve Chrisman, Cathy Chrisman, Angela Burrell, Michele Purkey, Michael Roudebush, James Roudebush and Richard Roudebush; seven great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mildred Milliman and Margaret Haskins; and a brother, Harold Robbins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burr Oak with the Rev. Kurt Kuhlmann officiating. Burial will be at the Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Lloyd McClellan

BUTLER — Lloyd McClellan, 94, of rural Butler died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where he was a resident.

Mr. McClellan was a lifelong farmer. He served two terms on the DeKalb Eastern school board in Butler and also served the school system as a bus driver for many years.

He was born April 13, 1911, in DeKalb County to Jesse and Laura (Nichols) McClellan.

He marreid Charlotte L. Cassel on March 22, 1934, near Angola. She died April 9, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Peggy McClellan of Fort Wayne and Terry and Linda McClellan of Angola; five grandchildren; and two sisters, H. Marie Douglas of Fort Myers, Fla., and Wanda Maxton of Angola.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Glen; and one sister, Iva Slentz.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor Tim Gleason will officiate. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Future Farmers of America or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and a online guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Jeannie Zee

AUBURN — Jeannie M. Zee, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Zee

She was born Jan. 1, 1915, in Buffalo, N.Y., to James W. and Vetta (Wilson) Gordon. They preceded her in death.

She married Raymond W. Zee on June 3, 1938, in Armour, N.Y. He died May 23, 1975.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Zee were graduates of East Aurora High School. They lived in East Aurora, N.Y., for more than 30 years until moving to Hamilton Lake in 1974 upon their retirement. In 1989, Mrs. Zee moved to Auburn.

For more than 20 years, she served as secretary to three superintendents of schools, Walter Bumgardner, C.M. Green and William Crocoll. She also was secretary to the board of education and school district clerk.

She attended the University of Buffalo, where she earned the Certified Professional Secretary rating in 1961.

She was a former member of the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in East Aurora, the Hamilton Methodist Church and the Auburn First United Methodist Church. For many years she sang in the choirs in the various churches, taught Sunday school and held several offices.

She was a former member of the Eastern Star, the Steuben Women's Club, the Hamilton Study Club and the Minerva Club of Waterloo, holding office in all the organizations.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Jerry Zonker of Auburn, Martha and Paul Diller of Lompoc, Calif., and Cathy and Leigh Furnal of Williamson, N.Y.; two sisters, Eleanor Barrick of Lady Lake, Fla., and Esther Beck of Fort Myers, Fla.; six grandchildren, Todd Zonker, Beth Friskney, Scott Diller, Garth Diller, Craig Furnal and Erin Furnal; and four great-grandchildren, Callie Zonker, Riley Zonker, Jack Friskney and Luke Friskney.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Catherine Blakely; and one great-grandson, Sam Friskney.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Auburn First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Auburn First United Methodist Church of a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Meese

FORT WAYNE — Richard "Bud" Meese, 84, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Meese

Mr. Meese retired in 1984 as a stationary engineer with General Electric after 42 years of service. He helped found the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department Co. 2, where he was active for more than 20 years.

He was born in Warren and served in the Army during World War II under Gen. Patton.

Mr. Meese was a member of Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church, where he was an active volunteer. He was a member of Huntertown Lodge No. 689 F.&.A.M., Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. Following his retirement, he drove crippled children to the Shrine Hospital in Chicago.

Mr. Meese was also a member of American Legion Post 296.

He enjoyed square dancing, bowling and golf.

Surviving are his wife, Marion L. Meese of Fort Wayne; children, Richard L. Meese, Patrica E. and Ed Tutwiler and Ken and Judith West, all of Fort Wayne, Ron and Dian West of East Hebron, N.H., and Kathy and Russell Furhmann of Ligonier; a sister, Betty L. Dennison of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Adelma (Martin) Meese in 1983; his mother, Mary Campbell; his stepfather, Ray Campbell; three sisters; and one brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with the Rev. Alan Thames officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. today with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Calling also will be one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church.

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Tielor McDowell

AUBURN — Tielor Grayson McDowell, 3 months old, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at his home.

He was born Nov. 7, 2005, in Auburn to Michele LeClere and Steven McDowell, both of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are grandparents Janice McDowell of Auburn, Robert McDowell of Butler and Delena LeClere of Las Vegas, Nev.; great-grandparents Mike and Judy McDowell of Waterloo; a great-great-grandfather, Charles Sanders Sr. of Waterloo; and a great-aunt and great-uncle, Travis and Tracy McDowell of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery of Waterloo.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Thomas Whitt

MACCLENNY, Fla. — Thomas W. "Bill" Whitt, 75, of MacClenny and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Ruth Helmer

AVILLA — Ruth A. Helmer, 84, of Avilla died at 9:28 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Orva King

WOLCOTTVILLE — Orva King, 89, of Wolcottville and formerly of Albion died at 6:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Darwin Bryan

LAOTTO — Darwin "Bud" P. Bryan, 78, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bryan

Mr. Bryan was a lifelong LaOtto resident. He was a retired farmer, and he drove a school bus for 15 years. He had been on the board of directors for Farmers & Merchants Bank for the past 20 years.

He was a member of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. He also was involved with the LaOtto Fire Department and numerous community organizations.

Mr. Bryan was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Darwin and Carrie (Wiant) Bryan. They preceded him in death.

He married Esther Illene Stonestreet in June 1947. She died in June 1996.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Darwin Scott Bryan, Terry and Donna Bryan and Shanan Bryan, all of LaOtto, and John Kevin and Jackie Bryan of Albion; a brother, Thomas James of St. Clairsville, Ohio; a sister, Iris J. Campbell of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Glene Bryan.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service tonight at 7:30.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Beverly Richards

AUBURN — Beverly J. (Rudolph) Richards, 72, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richards was employed at Modern Air in Waterloo. She loved playing euchre every Tuesday at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born in Auburn on Jan. 26, 1934, to Naomi Wyatt, who preceded her in death.

She married Gilbert J. Richards on Nov. 23, 1977, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1999. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert J. Rudolph Jr.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherrie M. Feltz of Polk City, Fla., and Linda K. Likens of Auburn; three sons, Terry W. Rudolph of Montpelier, Ohio, Patrick A. Rudolph of Kendallville and Michael A. Rudolph of Baltimore, Md.; a foster daughter, Mickey Cox of Fort Wayne; five stepchildren; her former mother-in-law, Mary Katherine Rudolph of Huntertown; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with revised information about relatives.*

Lloyd McClellan

BUTLER — Lloyd McClellan, 94, of rural Butler died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where he was a resident.

Mr. McClellan was a lifelong farmer. He served two terms on the DeKalb Eastern school board in Butler and also served the school system as a bus driver for many years.

He was born April 13, 1911, in DeKalb County to Jesse and Laura (Nichols) McClellan.

He married Charlotte L. Cassel on March 22, 1934, near Angola. She died April 9, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Peggy McClellan of Fort Wayne and Terry and Linda McClellan of Auburn; five grandchildren; and two sisters, H. Marie Douglas of Fort Myers, Fla., and Wanda Maxton of Angola.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Glen, and one sister, Ivol Slentz.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor Tim Gleason will officiate. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Future Farmers of America or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and a online guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Susan White

QUINCY, Ill. — Susan Elizabeth White, 44, of Quincy, Ill., died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

She was born Dec. 3, 1961, in Evansville to the Rev. Karl and Nancy Reed Kirkman. She married Timothy A. White on Aug. 2, 1985, in Belleville, Ill. He survives.

Mrs. White graduated from Angola High School in 1980. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Elmhurst College in 1984. She was a special education teacher in St. Louis, Miss., and Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a special education teacher in the Quincy Public Schools for 14 years.

She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, where she was the volunteer director of the youth and adult handbell choirs. She volunteered as the director of the cherub choir and sang in the contemporary praise band. Her hobbies included sewing, music and reading.

Also surviving are two sons, Andrew and Devon White; her sister, Ann Johnson of Wausau, Wis.; her brother, Thomas Kirkman of Noblesville; her paternal grandmother, Ruth Kirkman of Little Rock, Ark.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents Martha and Albert Reed and Karl F. Kirkman Sr.

Memorial services were held Jan. 30 at Trinity United Church of Christ in Quincy, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Educational Trust Fund.

Hanson Spear Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Steven McCormick

FORT WAYNE — Steven A. McCormick, 47, of Fort Wayne and formerly of LaGrange died at 8:02 a.m. Friday.

Mr. McCormick was an electrical engineer and had previously worked at Magnavox/Raytheon for a number of years.

He was a 1977 graduate of Lakeland High School and earned an engineering degree from Purdue University.

Mr. McCormick was born Oct. 29, 1958, in Fort Wayne to Karl E. and Mary E. (Talmage) McCormick. They survive in Wolcottville.

He married Karen R. Proud on June 3, 1978, in Springdale, Ariz. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ryan A., Shawn K. and Brendan N. McCormick, all at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Karla and Brad Miller of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Kathy McCormick of LaGrange; a niece, Kara Miller of LaGrange; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin B. McCormick, on Nov. 20, 2002.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Grabill Missionary Church in Grabill with the Rev. David Sjoberg officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

E. Ailene Holden

RENO, Nev. — E. Ailene Holden, 92, of Reno and formerly of Noble County died at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, in Reno.

Mrs. Holden had lived in Noble and LaGrange counties prior to moving to Reno in 2003.

She had retired from Monsanto in Ligonier and retired in 1977 after 10 years of service.

Mrs. Holden was born Aug. 13, 1913, in Wolcottville to Bryl and Leona (Sturgis) Spice. She married Kenneth R. Holden on June 13, 1933, in Auburn. He died Oct. 23, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Shaffer of Yuma, Ariz., and Janice Acres of Reno; a sister, Charlotte Smith of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kaye Holden, on Jan. 6, 2003; a daughter, Diana Groves, in March 1999; a grandson, Wayne Acres; two sisters, Pauline Elliott and Phyllis Laux; and a brother, Floyd "Bud" Spice.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Memorials are to Vista Care, 6225 Neil Road, Suite 201, Reno, Nev., 89511.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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Beula Valentine

KENDALLVILLE — Beula L. Valentine, 81, of Kendallville died at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Valentine

Mrs. Valentine moved to the area 25 years ago from Paulding, Ohio.

She had been a cashier at Richards Restaurant and Shook's Lounge, both in Kendallville.

Mrs. Valentine was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and volunteered at the Northeastern Center in Kendallville.

She was born Nov. 25, 1924, in Union County, Ohio, to Ernest and LaVerne (Turner) Butler. She married Garth E. Valentine on Feb. 7, 1958, in Huntsville, Ala. He died Jan. 24, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ernest and Cathy Valentine of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; a stepson and his wife, Ralph and Sue Valentine of Troy, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Karen and Randy Clemens of St. Louis, Mo.; a half sister, Pat Calim of Russells Point, Ohio; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalterhutchins-funeralhome.com.

Elvin Harter

FORT WAYNE — Elvin "Gene" Harter, 69, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was an inspector with International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Harter was a member of U.A.W. No. 57 and an avid IU basketball fan and NASCAR fan.

A native of Noble County, he was born March 31, 1936, in Swan to Otto and Cleo Harter. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma J. Harter of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy G. Harter and Terence L. Harter, both of Fort Wayne, and Jerald A. and Cherly Harter of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Janice M. and James Harter and Sheila K. Harter, all of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Larry Harter of Gas City, John Harter of Mississippi, Jim Harter of New Haven and Robert Harter of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Pam S. Reed of Fort Wayne, Juanita Gasper of Decatur, Kathlyne Nodine of Clearwater, Fla., and Barbara Wilcox of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Franklin "Bud" Harter.

Service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Chapel, 1140 Lake Ave.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials to the Allen County Heart Association (Kidney Foundation Renal Care Unit.)

Ada Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Ada Yoder, 84, of Middlebury died at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, following a two-month battle with a brain tumor.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 23, 1921, in LaGrange County to Levi and Susan (Gingerich) Mast. She married David Yoder on Nov. 8, 1945, in Topeka. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Melvin Yoder and Mary Alice and Dannie Yoder, all of Middlebury, and Esther and William Beechy of Topeka; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Elsie Yoder of LaGrange, Leroy and Rosa Yoder of Hillpoint, Wis., Vernon and Marie Yoder of Smithville, Ark., Elmer and Irene Yoder of Middlebury, Ernest and Freeda Yoder of Charlotte, Mich., David and Mary Yoder of Homer, Mich., and Daniel and Ruby Yoder of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law, Patsy Yoder of Topeka; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Hazel Mast of Lake Placid, Fla., Edward and Lizzie Mast of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Melvin and Malinda Mast of Circle City, Ariz.; 71 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Dannie Yoder residence, 0820 N. C.R. 1150W, Middlebury, with Bishop Sam Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Middlbury.

She was preceded in death by a son, Samuel Yoder, on July 30, 2005, a grandson, Daniel Yoder; two great-grandsons, Ross and Lavern Yoder; two sisters, Ann Miller and Mary Troyer; and six brothers, Daniel, Henry, Christian, Ervin, Samuel and Uriah Mast.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneral-home.com.

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Ruth Helmer

AVILLA — Ruth M. Helmer, 83, of Avilla died at 9:28 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home after being in declining health for the past six years.

Mrs. Helmer

Mrs. Helmer was a homemaker and had also worked seven years at General Electric.

She was a 1940 graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne and had been an Avilla resident since 1947.

Mrs. Helmer was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 22, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Lionel and Ruth (Birkenbuel) Gebhardt. She married Dale Helmer on May 17, 1947, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 24, 1994.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis Helmer of Avilla, Douglas Helmer of Fort Wayne and Steven Helmer of Porter, Ind.; a daughter, Susan Houlihan of Bluffton; a sister, Mary Ullen of Encino, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Koehling and Florence Mangan; and a brother, Lionel Gebhardt Jr..

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Orva King

WOLCOTTVILLE — Orva King, 89, of Wolcottville died at 6:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. King had been employed for several years by Sahli & Johnson as a crane operator and carpenter. He retired in 1974.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Mr. King was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born June 26, 1916, in Breathitt County, Ky., to Sherman and Corra (Marshall) King. He married Alberta E. Berger on Dec. 29, 1939. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dewaine D. and Julia King of Wolcottville, David and Debra King of Avilla and Dennis and Diane King of Albion; two brothers, Kenneth King of Greenville, Pa., and William King of Willard, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Kelly King and Lawson King; and a sister, Etta Landis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dean Bearman and the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

Marvel Daub

AUBURN — Marvel J. Daub, 85, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home of Garrett.

Mrs. Daub served as cafeteria manager at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1997.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Auburn to Gerald and Lucile (Mitchner) Purdy. They preceded her in death.

She married Frank Daub on June 21, 1941, in Auburn. He died June 19, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, David Daub and Eugene Daub, both of Auburn; two sisters, Marlene Kukulies of Garrett and Sarasota, Fla., and Deanna VanElla of Angola; three grandchildren, JoDe Payton, David Daub and Carry Daub; and three great-grandchildren, Sydney Daub, ElaRae Daub and Bailey Payton.

She was preceded in death by a brother, DeWayne Purdy.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Wyonald Hoot

HUNTERTOWN — Wyonald "Oney" Hoot, 88, of Huntertown died at 7:21 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, from injuries in a traffic accident at Old Lima Road and Shoaff Road, north of Huntertown.

Mr. Hoot

Mr. Hoot had been a Huntertown resident since 1927.

He had retired in 1976 after serving 18 years in the maintenance department at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. He had also been employed by General Electric and International Harvester.

Mr. Hoot founded and was president of Big "O" Trampolines.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Hoot was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, a former member of the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department and lifetime member of the Elmer Pond Chapter of the DAV in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed mowing yards, making rosaries and making peanut brittle.

He was born Feb. 3, 1918, in Avilla to Blake and Alla (Eminger) Hoot. He married Margaret Ryan on Sept. 6, 1941. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and James Abel and Marilyn "Nan" and Tom Brinker, all of Huntertown; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Ginny Hoot of Fort Wayne, Jim and Kathy Hoot of East Amherst, N.Y., and Tom and Anita Hoot of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Margaret Hoot of Huntertown; 21 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Glenn Hoot and Blake Hoot Jr.; and four grandchildren, Matthew Hoot, Tony Brinker, Jeff Hoot and Jennifer Hoot.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with Father John Kuzmich and Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco where the rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department, American Heart Association or for Masses.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Susan Rice

KERENS, Texas — Susan K. Rice, 61, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at her home.

She was a transportation clerk for Kohl's Distribution Center in Corsicana, Texas.

Mrs. Rice was born Sept. 9, 1944, in Kendallville.

Surviving are her husband, Dave Rice of Kerens; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Karen Rice of Kerens, Elizabeth and Chad Burns of Ennis, Texas, and Debbie and Paul Verbeck and Angela Rich, all of Waxahachie, Texas; her mother, Betty Jean Smith of Kendallville; two brothers, Don Smith of Avilla and Tim Smith of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Paschal Funeral Home in Kerens.

Her body will be cremated.

Memorials are to Dream Center, 408 N. 12th St., Corsicana, Texas 75110.

Thomas Schroeder

AVILLA — Thomas C. Schroeder, 58, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He had been cared for by the staff of Provena Sacred Heart Home since 2002.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He attended Zion Lutheran School, Concordia Lutheran High School and the Johnny Appleseed Training Center and its sheltered workshop.

He had been a member of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society.

He was born Sept. 10, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Albert and Dororthea (Theel) Schroeder. He lived with his parents for most of his life, and they preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, David and Gayle Schroeder of Bartlett, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and the Rev. James Elsner of Hudson; three nephews, Jason Schroeder of Gainesville, Fla., Aaron Schroeder of Bartlett and Stephen Elsner of Hudson; and a niece, Margiana Schroeder of Bartlett.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Margie Doden

AUBURN — Margie Doden, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Doden worked as an administrative assistant to the president of Ambassador Steel in Auburn.

She was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn. Fifty years ago, she and her husband, the Rev. Chester A. Doden, came to Auburn to serve the community. Their church, the Bible Baptist Church, was the predecessor of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

She was born March 5, 1923, in Carrier Mills, Ill., to Vaughn Clifford and Ethel (Linn) Brown. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married the Rev. Chester A. Doden on June 15, 1941, in Mount Ayr, Ind. He died Aug. 26, 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Daryle Linn and Brenda Doden of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra D. and Richard Latham of Hoopeston, Ill.; a very dear and special friend, Lucy Ordway of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Doris Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters-in-law, Julia Brown of Merrillville and Dana Brown of Columbia, Mo.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Maci Doden, Laurie Doden, Tami and Brian Best, Kara Doden, Jared Doden, Douglas and Kim Latham and Vaughna and Roger Allen; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister and three brothers, Kenneth, Bill and Max Brown.

A memorial service will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church. Pastors Clare Jewell, Russ Howard and Brian Best will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Whitt

MacCLENNY, Fla. — Thomas W. "Bill" Whitt, 75, of MacClenny, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, in MacClenny.

Mr. Whitt was born Aug. 15, 1930, in Honaker, Va., to Birt and Osie (Ray) Whitt. He lived in Auburn and Ashley before moving to Kendallville and then to Florida.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Al Singleton of Lake City, Fla.; and six brothers, Ralph Whitt of Richlands, Va., Lonnie Whitt of Alabama, Bertie Whitt of Kendallville, Lloyd Whitt of Rural Retreat, Va., Donald Whitt of Pilgrims Knob, Va., and Raymond Whitt of Waterloo.

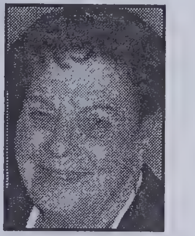
Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Beverly Richards

AUBURN — Beverly J. (Rudolph) Richards, 72, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mrs. Richards

Mrs. Richards was employed at Modern Air in Waterloo. She loved playing euchre every Tuesday at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born in Auburn on Jan. 26, 1934, to Naomi Wyatt, who preceded her in death.

She married Gilbert J. Richards on Nov. 23, 1977, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1999. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert J. Rudolph Jr.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherrie M. Feltz of Polk City, Fla., and Linda K. Likens of Auburn; three sons, Terry W. Rudolph of Montpelier, Ohio, Patrick A. Rudolph of Kendallville and Michael A. Rudolph of Baltimore, Md.; a foster daughter, Mickey Cox of Fort Wayne; five stepchildren; her former mother-in-law, Mary Katherine Rudolph of Huntertown; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Alcohol a factor in train fatality

Kendallville teen died in January

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Alcohol was a factor in the death of a Kendallville teen killed when struck by a train on Jan. 12.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said Tuesday test results indicate alcohol was a factor in 16-year-old Tricia Stevens' death.

An autopsy was performed after her death and officials waited for lab test results before indicating the presence of alcohol.

According to police, Stevens was beside the Norfolk Southern railway tracks between the Riley Street and Park Avenue crossings when she was struck and killed by an eastbound freight train.

At 11:23 p.m. two male juveniles reported to police a pedestrian had been struck by a train in the Park Avenue crossing area.

Stevens was pronounced dead at the scene. There was no indication of foul play or suicide, according to police.

The train engineer reportedly saw her beside the tracks just prior to impact but couldn't stop the train in time to avoid hitting her.

Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley said the Noble County prosecutor will now review the autopsy and police reports and decide if further investigation is necessary.

Stevens

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Farmer trampled to death by bull

BY MATT GETTS
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LAGRANGE — County police believe a LaGrange County farmer was trampled to death by a bull Tuesday.

Police are not identifying the 58-year-old victim until family has been notified. An autopsy has been scheduled for today to determine the cause and manner of death, but police believe the culprit to be a bull estimated to weigh between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds.

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"He got trampled by a bull," LaGrange County Sheriff's Department Detective Tad Oakley said this morning. "It's a farm-related accident."

According to Oakley, police and emergency responders were called to the Springfield Township residence at 10:17 p.m. The victim was deceased in his bed when help arrived.

Oakley said the man's brother, who lives with him on the farm, found the victim in a pen inside a barn. The brother helped the victim into the house.

The man's injuries were "from the chest down," according to Oakley.

The injuries seem to indicate death was from the trampling, but Oakley said he wouldn't know the answer for certain until the autopsy results are in.

"Everything looks consistent" with that belief, Oakley said. "But I just don't know yet."

ALBION NEW ERA
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Driver killed in rollover crash

by Mark Hunter

A Kimmell man died in a weather related crash north of Wolf Lake Saturday night.

Trevor Roberts, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which was reported at 10:25 p.m. on CR 50N, just west of US 33. Roberts wAs apparently eastbound when he lost control and the 1988 Jeep Wrangler he was driving rolled end over end, ejecting him through the open roof of the vehicle. Roberts was not believed to have been wearing a safety belt at the time, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Area roadways were covered with ice, snow and blowing snow, due to a winter storm that was moving through the area, and that appears to be the primary cause of the crash. The Jeep was totaled.

Units responded to the accident from the Noble County Coroner's, EMS, and Sheriff's departments, and the Noble Township Fire Department.

It was one of a dozen accidents reported to the Sheriff's Department in a three hour period starting at 10 p.m. A truck rolled over on US 33, just north of Merriam, at about midnight. The unidentified driver was taken to Columbia City by ambulance, complaining of neck pain.

Another person was reportedly treated after the 1986 BMW he was in crashed near US 33 and Stones Hill Road, at about 11:16 p.m.

Between 2-4 inches of snow reportedly fell over the area during the storm, on top of rain that had previously come down. Winds gusting up to 30 mph caused drifting all weekend, and even main roads remained hazardous.

Forest Campbell, 63

ALBION - Forrest Campbell, 63, of Albion died at 6:20 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell had been employed doing piece work at Foundations in Albion.

He was a graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Campbell loved to fish and loved his job.

He was born Jan. 11, 1943, in Wolf Lake to Claude W. and Betty (Gibson) Campbell. He married Sandra L. Hampshire on June 29, 1993, in Wolf Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, James C. and Barbara Campbell of Big Lake; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Terry Danning of Avilla; and a stepgrandson, Michael Danning.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Glenda Bryant; and a stepbrother, Hershall Adams.

Services were held Saturday, February 4th at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

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Barbara Studebaker, 60

Barbara Diane Studebaker, 60 of Columbia City died at 4:22 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City due to pancreatic cancer since May, 2005.

Mrs. Studebaker was born in Pontiac, MI on September 27, 1945, to Ross Albert and Marjorie Mary (Hamlin) Snyder.

She was reared and lived in Michigan where she graduated from Farmington High School with the Class of 1964 and in 1979 she moved to Indiana.

She married Richard D. Studebaker on September 22, 1980 in Columbia City.

Mrs Studebaker worked at Coast to Coast Hardware Store, Columbia City, Hilger's Farm Market, Concordia Theological Seminary both of Fort Wayne and most recentlay at Wal-Mart, Columbia City.

She is survived by her husband Richard D. Studebaker, Columbia City; 1 son, Richard D. (Taemi) Phillips, Jr., Wheatland, CA; 1 daughter, Kimberly Ann (Luis) Reyes, Irving TX; 2 stepsons, Craig Lee Studebaker and Curt Jr. (Molly) Studebaker, both of Columbia City; 1 step-daughter, Cami Jo (Mike) Walters, Peru IN; 1 brother, Bud (Laurie) Snyder. Columbia City; her father, Ross (Dee) Snyder, Columbia City; 10 grandchildren, 2 nieces, Shannon and Lindsey Snyder, Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her mother Marjorie Mary Snyder who passed in 1983.

Funeral services were held February 3rd at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church officiated.

Entombment was at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorial bequests may be given in memory of Mrs. Studebaker to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care & Hospice.

Elizabeth Keister, 84

Elizabeth Moray Keister, 84 of Columbia City died at 1;40 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Inc., Columbia City.

She was born in French Lick, KY, on January 15, 1922 to Sherman and Laura (Reed) Kring.

Mrs. Keister grew up in the area of Cromwell and Noble County, IN graduating from Wolf Lake High School in 1941.

On May 12, 1943 she married Nelson William Keister in Albion and moved to Whitley County before moving to Tri-Lakes in 1971.

Mrs. Keister ws employed for 19 years at Dana Distribution Center in Churubusco retiring in 1984.

She was a member of Big Lake Church of God and Women of the Church of God.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years; 2 sons, Barry J. (Sandra) Keister and Gary L. (Penny) Keister both of Columbia City; 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 sister, Ada Hobbs, Kimmell.

Preceding her in death wereher parents and 3 brothers, Chalmer, Clay and Earl Kring.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4th at Demoney-Grimes Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God officiated.

Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

Memorial bequests may be given in memory of Mrs. Keister to the donor's choice.

Ruth Helmer, 84

AVILLA– Ruth A. Helmer, 84, of Avilla died at 9:28 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Darwin Bryan, 78

LAOTTO - Darwin "Bud" P. Bryan, 78, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bryan was a lifelong LaOtto resident. He was a retired farmer, and he drove a school bus for 15 years. He had been on the board of directors for Farmers & Merchants Bank for the past 20 years.

He was a member of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. He also was involved with the LaOtto Fire Department and numerous community organizations.

Mr. Bryan was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Darwin and Carrie (Wiant) Bryan. They preceded him in death.

He married Esther Illene Stonestreet in June 1947. She died in June 1996.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Darwin Scott Bryan, Terry and Donna Bryan and Shanan Bryan, all of LaOtto, and John Kevin and Jackie Bryan of Albion; a brother, Thomas James of St. Clairsville, Ohio; a sister, Iris J. Campbell of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Glene Bryan.

Services were Wednesday, February 8th in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Susan Socha officiated with burial at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet net

Trevor Roberts, 20

KIMMELL - Trevor Scott Roberts, 20, of Kimmell died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in a single-car accident on C.R. 50N.

Mr. Roberts was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was a pre-delivery inspector for Keystone Corp. and a student at Ivy Tech.

He attended Stone's Hill Community Church.

Mr. Roberts enjoyed riding his motorcycle, classic cars and spending time with his dog, Kumar.

He was born Jan. 27, 1986, in Goshen to Ricky and Michele (Sontag) Roberts. His father survives in Kimmell, and his mother survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Brandi and Doug Pennington of North Manchester; a half brother, Christopher Stanley of Brimfield; two nieces, Cassie Stanley and Ashlynn Pennington; a nephew, Cayden Pennington; and his grandfathers, Rudy Sontag of Wawaka and Sherman Roberts of LaGrange.

Services were held Wednesday, February 8th at Stone's Hill Community Church. Nathan Reynolds and Larry Baker officiated. Burial was held at Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church Youth Group.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Orva King, 89

WOLCOTTVILLE – Orva King, 89, of Wolcottville and formerly of Albion died at 6:55 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Morris E. Wetli, 84

FOWLER – Morris E. Wetli, 84, of Fowler, died at 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at his residence.

Born Aug. 25, 1921, in Fowler, he graduated from Wadena High School in 1939. His parents are the late Robert and Edmunda Wetli. He married Elizabeth Seymour Harlan on Nov. 29, 1952, in Earl Park, and she survives.

Mr. Wetli was a hog and grain farmer most of his life and also a bus driver for Benton Community School Corp. for 15 years.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Holy Name Society in Goodland and a 50-year member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was a veteran of the Coast Guard serving from Oct. 20, 1942, to May 4, 1946, and was a member of Fowler American Legion Post 57 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His hobbies were pitching horseshoes, playing cards, reading and basketball.

Surviving with his wife are 10 children, Karen Wang (husband: Bud) and Tom Wetli (wife: Mary), both of Lafayette, Bob Wetli (wife: Patty), Tim Wetli (wife: Louann) and Pat Wetli, (wife: Ranae), all of Fowler, Peggy Crow (husband: Jim) of Darlington, Mike Wetli (wife: Robin) and Mark Wetli (fiancee: Angela Rynearson), both of Goodland, Chris Wetli (wife: Karen) of Albion, and Amy Harshman (husband: Paul) of Mulberry; two sisters, Sister Cosma and Sister Rosalita, both of Our Lady of Angels Convent, Mishawaka; and a brother, Don Wetli (wife: Retha) of West Lafayette. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, and a grandson, Matthew Wetli.

Services were held Monday, February 6, 2006, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Goodland, with Father Robert Bernotas officiating. Interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Goodland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Fowler Serenity Hospice or Sts. Peters and Paul Church, Goodland.

The family of Makota Norris wishes to thank family, friends & neighbors for their loving acts of kindness. A special thank you to Jane Owen, Jodie French, Jamie Teders, Pastor Doug Keenen, Pastor Eric Ball, Makota's class and teacher, Tammy Lauer. Also to Dr. Gaff, Brazzel Funeral Home and emergency personnel.

Mike, Laurie, Lacey, Kolten
& Bambi

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Uffie Hensley

CROMWELL — Uffie E. Hensley, 84, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Hensley

Mrs. Hensley had lived most of her life in Noble County.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and gardening.

Mrs. Hensley attended Cromwell United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 2, 1922, in Monticello, Ky., to Elish and Becky (Spradlin) Watson. She married Virgil M. Hensley. He died in 1976.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ralph Hensley of Mt. Vernon, Ky., and Doyle and Gwen Hensley of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Bob Ott of Cromwell; four sisters, Lula King of Port Charlotte, Fla., Emmie Peck of Niceville, Fla., Wanda Martsoft of North Webster and Eva Sharp of Monticello, Ky.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Gates; three brothers, Clifford, Jody and Reese; four sisters, Connie, Artie, Voldi and Lucy; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Vernon Thomas

LAGRANGE — Vernon Elbert Thomas, 60, of LaGrange died at 4:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Thomas had worked for Roto Rooter in Davenport, Iowa.

He was born Dec. 19, 1945, in California to Elbert and Lola M. (Bailey) Thomas. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Davenport, Iowa.

Also surviving are three daughters, Candy Hurst, Mary Ulch and Tammy Thomas; two brothers, Russell Thomas of Davenport and James Thomas of LaGrange; and eight grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Nola Thomas, in January.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Gene Hart

LAGRANGE — Gene A. Hart, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at his home in a farm-related accident.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Cora Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Cora Bethelene Miller, 77, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Miller

Born in Edgerton, Ohio, she was a homemaker, a longtime member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn and a graduate of Butler High School. She loved gardening and flowers.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Miller-Smith of California and Meri Beth Miller of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Dianne Miller of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Carolyn Miller of Illinois and David and Debbie Miller of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley Martz and Cora (Bowman) Martz; a son, Val Miller Jr.; two brothers, Harley "Bud" Martz and David L. Mulner; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn. The Rev. Harland will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

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Wave Cook

COLUMBIA CITY — Wave E. "Dink" Cook, 81, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at 7:25 a.m. at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. He had been admitted to the hospital on Jan. 21.

He was born Feb. 28, 1924, in Coesse to Wave Allen and Blanche (Tucker) Cook. He grew up in Union Township and graduated from Coesse High School.

On June 28, 1942, he married Marilyn V. Mossburg. They made their home in Union Township until moving into Columbia City in October 2002. Mrs. Cook died March 5, 2004.

On Nov. 4, 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific area during World War II. He was honorably discharged March 16, 1946.

In 1986, he retired from Essex with 34 years of service. He also drove trucks for Cook's Trucking and was a co-operator of Cook's Ten Pin.

His memberships include Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 1417, Eagles 1906 and American Legion Post 98.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Wanda Cook of Auburn and Dennis and Patty Cook and Tim and Kathy Cook, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Tami and John Martin of South Whitley; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Cook.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Penny Mosher officiating. Burial will be in Union Township Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 98.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Elks service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Carey

Mrs. Carey

ANGOLA — Barbara A. Carey, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carey was born July 13, 1953, in Detroit to Gale L. and Beulah M. (Dixon) Mead. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Keith Roebel of Waterloo; two daughters, Rhonda Cain of Pleasant Lake and Karla Roebel of LaGrange; her mother, Beulah Mead of Angola; a sister, Nancy German of San Antonio, Texas; four grandchildren, Alyster and Thomas Roebel of LaGrange and Zachary and Austin Roebel of Waterloo; and a former husband, Thomas Roebel of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father; a brother, Gale Lee Mead; and two husbands, Robert Carey and David Brannan.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling will be Saturday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Condolences can be left for the family online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Morris Wetli

FOWLER — Morris E. Wetli, 84, of Fowler died at 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Wetli was a hog and grain farmer most of his life and also a bus driver for Benton Community School Corp. for 15 years.

He was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Fowler to Robert and Edmunda Wetli. He married Elizabeth Seymour Harlan on Nov. 29, 1952, in Earl Park, and she survives.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Holy Name Society in Goodland and a 50-year member of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Wetli graduated from Wadena High School in 1939. He was a veteran of the Coast Guard serving from Oct. 20, 1942, to May 4, 1946, and was a member of Fowler American Legion Post 57 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His hobbies were pitching horseshoes, playing cards, reading and basketball.

Also surviving are 10 children, Karen and Bud Wang and Tom and Mary Wetli, all of Lafayette, Bob and Patty Wetli, Tim and Louann Wetli and Pat and Ranae Wetli, all of Fowler, Peggy and Jim Crow of Darlington, Mike and Robin Wetli and Mark Wetli and his fiancee, Angela Rynearson, all of Goodland, Chris and Karen Wetli of Albion, and Amy and Paul Harshman of Mulberry; two sisters, Sister Cosma and Sister Rosalita, both of Our Lady of Angels Convent, Mishawaka; and a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Retha Wetli of West Lafayette; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and a grandson, Matthew Wetli.

Services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Goodland with Father Robert Bernotas officiating. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Goodland.

Memoirals are to Fowler Serenity Hospice or Sts. Peters and Paul Church, Goodland.

Windler Funeral Home, Fowler, was in charge of arrangements.

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Crash victim remembered

KIMMELL — Funeral services were held Wednesday for Trevor Roberts of Kimmell, who died in a traffic accident Saturday night.

Family members and friends gathered at Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier to pay their respects to Trevor, who graduated from West Noble High School in June of 2005.

Retired school teacher Larry Baker, who had Trevor as a student at West Noble High School, served as a lay preacher at his former pupil's funeral service. He was remembered as a fun-loving young person who had many friends.

Roberts, 20, died when he was thrown from his sport-utility vehicle late Saturday between Kimmell and Wolf Lake, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

He was was eastbound on C.R. 50N, just west of U.S. 33 at 10:25 p.m., when he lost control of his Jeep Wrangler. It left the road and rolled end-over-end.

Roberts

It appears Roberts was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, police said.

An autopsy conducted Sunday on Roberts showed he died of blunt force trauma to the abdomen.

There was blowing snow and the road was ice-covered, deputies said. Those conditions appeared to be the primary cause of the crash. "It was pretty bad out there," said Deputy Shane Coney, the investigating officer for the crash.

Coney reported that one of Roberts' family members told deputies Roberts was on his way to Fort Wayne to visit some friends when the wreck occurred. Roberts was less than two miles from his home when the crash took place, Coney said.

Mr. Roberts' obituary appears on page 2.

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Trevor Roberts

KIMMELL — Trevor Scott Roberts, 20, of Kimmell died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in a single-car accident on C.R. 50N.

Mr. Roberts

Mr. Roberts was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was a pre-delivery inspector for Keystone Corp. and a student at Ivy Tech.

He attended Stone's Hill Community Church.

Mr. Roberts enjoyed riding his motorcycle, classic cars and spending time with his dog, Kumar.

He was born Jan. 27, 1986, in Goshen to Ricky and Michele (Sontag) Roberts. His father survives in Kimmell, and his mother survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Brandi and Doug Pennington of North Manchester; a half brother, Christopher Stanley of Brimfield; two nieces, Cassie Stanley and Ashlynn Pennington; a nephew, Cayden Pennington; and his grandfathers, Rudy Sontag of Wawaka and Sherman Roberts of LaGrange.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pator Nathan Smith and Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling was from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church Youth Group.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Roy

Evelyn E. Roy, 92, of Topeka died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Roy

She had been a nurse in the offices of Drs. Hildebrand and Nichols.

A LaGrange County native, she was born Oct. 17, 1913, to Freeman and Pearl (Chrisman) Bobeck. On March 23, 1941, in Summittville, she married Burdette Roy.

She was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church, where she had been a Sunday school superintendent and teacher and also a deaconess. She had been a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and had been a volunteer with the Red Cross Blood Bank. She worked on the LaGrange County election board.

Mrs. Roy had been involved with the Mennonite Relief Sale where she had a cookie booth. She also enjoyed quilting and spending time with her family.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharron Seniff of Elkhart, Sheryle and Philip Schrock of South Bend, Sally and Thomas Prymak of Doylestown, Pa., and Susan Moser of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband; one brother, Karl Bobeck; and a granddaughter, Valerie Schrock.

Services were Monday, February 6 at Topeka Mennonite Church, the Rev. Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial was at Eden Cemetery.

Calling was Sunday, February 5 at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

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George Hidy

AUBURN — George F. Hidy, 81, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Hidy

Mr. Hidy worked at Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marines during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and the Marine Corps Association in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Auburn to Paul E. and Ethel M. (Bowman) Hidy. They preceded him in death.

He married Nydia Blanco on March 31, 2001, in Cape Coral, Fla., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, George Hidy Jr. and Patty Hidy of Sterling, Va., and John and Cindy Jackman of California; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Carol and Steve Deminco of Washington, D.C., Paula and Phil Borden of South Carolina, Beth Ann and Gary Dobrovodsky of Auburn, Cindy Laramore of Pennsylvania and Sandra and Dave Dietrich of Hamilton; a sister, Jean Warner of Fort Myers, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at noon in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. A graveside military service will be conducted by American Legion Post 178 of Garrett.

Memorials are to the family or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Max Myers

MONROEVILLE — Max E. Myers, 70, of Monroeville died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at 8:27 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill for several years.

Mr. Myers was a lifelong Monroeville resident. He retired in 1996 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne after 41 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville and the Sons of the American Legion Post 420. He had been active in Little League, umpiring for many years.

He was born Feb. 11, 1935, in Monroeville. His parents, Ralph H. and Miriam (Meese) Myers, preceded him in death.

He married Shirley M. Spieth on Aug. 7, 1954, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen A. Myers of Monroeville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jesse L. and Brenda Myers of Auburn, Ritchie A. Myers of Burleson, Texas, Kash E. Myers of Monroeville, and Ty W. and Kim Myers of New Haven; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis Chausse of Monroeville, Harriet A. and Ed Beucler of Monroeville and Kay Y. and Jack Weddle of Nashville, Ind.; a brother, Ralph J. Myers of Monroeville; seven grandchildren, Ryan, Jacob, Tabitha, Justin, LaLinda, Amanda and Mazie; and two great-grandchildren, Drayton and Noah.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Jed Myers; and a sister, Jean Justice.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Monroeville, with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Monroeville, Monroeville EMS or Monroeville Youth Little League.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Cora Miller

AUBURN — The Rev. Lloyd Harlan will officiate at the funeral of Cora Miller Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

An incorrect spelling of the Rev. Harlan's name was provided for an obituary in Thursday's edition.

Mrs. Miller, 77, died Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

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James Smith

FORT WAYNE — James A. Smith, 42, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Smith was a roofer.

He had served in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Angela S. Smith of Fort Wayne; two sons, Robert J. Smith and Joseph A. Smith, both at home; a daughter, Virginia S. Smith of Fort Wayne; his father, Allen J. Smith of Avilla; three brothers, Russell Smith of Clearwater, Fla., Heath Smith of Kendallville and Bradley Smith of Albion; a sister, Rhonda Powers of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Andrew and Angelina.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary L. Smith, in March 2003.

There will be no services.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

Lois McWilliams

FORT WAYNE — Lois I. McWilliams, 81, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion died at 2:50 a.m. today, Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Dixie, in Fort Wayne.

She had been in declining health for the past two and one half years.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Lily Neeley

GOSHEN — Lily Jean Neeley, newborn, of Goshen died at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

She was born Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, to Luke and Mary (Petry) Neeley.

Surviving with her parents are her twin sister, Iris Kaylene Neeley; a brother, Isaac Neeley; grandparents, Dan and Amy Petry of Middlebury, Dennis Neeley of Shipshewana and Kathy Neeley of Middlebury; great-grandparents, Carroll and Margaret Petry of North Manchester, John and Roberta Stanley and Forrest and Orpha Flynn, all of Middlebury, and Elwood and Norma Jean Neeley of Shipshewana.

Private family services will be held.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Geneva Alleshouse

HUDSON — Former Angola resident Geneva B. Alleshouse, 97, of Penrose, Colo., died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the home of her son in Penrose.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Gene Hart

LAGRANGE — Gene A. Hart, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at his residence from injuries in a farm-related accident.

Mr. Hart was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was born Nov. 13, 1947, in Sturgis, Mich., to Willis O. and D. Kathryn (Pant) Hart. They are deceased.

Surviving is a brother, Donald L. Hart of LaGrange.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Hill gets 8 years for OWI causing death

BY BOB BRALEY
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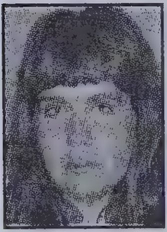
ALBION — A Cromwell woman was given the maximum possible sentence Thursday in Noble Circuit Court — eight years in prison — for her conviction for driving drunk and causing death.



Hill

The sentencing of Candy Joann Hill, 30, of Cromwell was frequently emotional as a testifying victim, people in the gallery and the defendant all wept during the proceedings.

Hill pleaded guilty Jan. 12 to operating while intoxicated causing death, a Class C felony, and two counts of operating while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury, each a Class D felony.

"From the very first time I met her, she just wanted to come in here and plead guilty," said Noble County public defender James Abbs.

Hill never asked what kind of sentence she was facing, Abbs said. "She knows she's going to suffer the consequences of her actions."

On Aug. 19, 2005, Hill attempted to medicate herself with alcohol to deal with psychological problems stemming from childhood sexual abuse and being in an abusive relationship, Abbs said.

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DEATH: *Clouse wanted a 50-year sentence for offense*

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That was the night she drove off of Cromwell Road and struck three pedestrians, killing Travis Williams, 24, of Pierceton and severely injuring Ruby L. Rookstool of Cromwell and Heather M. Scrivens of Syracuse.

"She made a judgment, but that judgment was somewhat fogged by the depression she was going through," Abbs said. Hill stayed at the scene and attempted to aid the victims, rather than fleeing, Abbs said.

Since Hill's husband has left her, the fate of her children is an issue, Abbs said. "The only parent these four children have at this time is Miss Hill. Her concern has always been for the victims and for her children."

Abbs suggested a mid-range sentence with some probation.

When asked if she had anything toward to say, Hill turned toward the gallery and said, her voice choking with tears, "I just want to tell them I'm so sorry. I was so stupid, and I know that I can't say anything that'll make it better for you, but I am so sorry."

After breaking down for a few moments, Hill added, "And I wish it had been me."

Scrivens testified Thursday and asked for the maximum sentence for Hill. She described lying in the ditch hearing her friends screaming and Williams breathing his last breaths and being unable to help because of her own injuries and the shock of the accident.

Scrivens' pelvis and tailbone were broken, her spine was fractured and a bone in her leg has been replaced with a titanium rod.

"I was in the hospital for 10 days," Scrivens said. "I didn't walk until three months after the accident." She said she is still in constant pain, and will be for the rest of her life.

As Scrivens testified, people in the gallery began to sob. Scrivens momentarily had to stop her testimony while talking about Williams and his plans to marry Rookstool.

"Because of her, there are a lot of things I won't be able to do," Scrivens said. She can't run anymore, for example. She asked for restitution for all of her hospital bills, including future ones related to rehabilitation.

A written statement from Rookstool was read by a probation officer. It said that, on the night of the crash, Hill rocked Rookstool back and forth, increasing both Rookstool's injuries and pain.

Rookstool was in the hospital for two weeks and a nursing home for seven weeks, the statement said. She now has metal rods and pins in both legs and scarred arms.

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Steven Clouse asked Laur to consider the victims, who were walking along a roadside passing food and soda pop on their way home. "They didn't ask to be in the position where they were going to be victims," he said.

As quiet sobs could again be heard in the gallery, Clouse continued. "She had an alcoholic beverage in the car with her," he said. She was so drunk she didn't even realize she had hit Williams, thinking she had only struck the two women.

"We would like a 50-year sentence," Clouse said. However, the law will only allow an eight-year sentence for the C felony, and requires that the D felony sentences be served at the same time since they were part of the same criminal action, so he asked for the maximum of eight years.

Circuit Judge David Laur said the case was not about whether Hill was a bad mother nor a victim of molestation or abuse. "I almost never, if ever, get one of those victims seated where you're seated in an orange jumpsuit," he said.

"People ought to be able to walk down a road," he said. "They ought to be able to do that and be safe."

Saying that the crime had three victims, Laur sentenced Hill to the maximum eight years in prison, all to be served, on the C felony and three years, all served for each of the D felonies. She was given 175 days' credit for time served. Her driver's license was suspended for four years.

Two related misdemeanor charges and a related infraction were dismissed against Hill.

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Lois McWilliams

FORT WAYNE — Lois Ilene McWilliams, 81, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at 2:50 a.m. at her daughter Dixie's home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. McWilliams was born April 18, 1924, in Green Township, rural Noble County, to Harmon and Clara (Owen) Boggs. She was married to George H. McWilliams on June 19, 1943, in Wolf Lake and he preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 1995.

She was a homemaker. She had lived in Albion all of her life except the past 2 1/2 years. She enjoyed sewing and used to make wedding cakes for people in the Albion area.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 178. She was a graduate of Albion High School.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Jack Davis of Las Vegas, Donita and Tim Hippensteel of St. Louis and Dixie and Mike Lough of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, DeLynn and Mary McWilliams of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald and Lorain Boggs and Ray and Betty Boggs, all of Churubusco, and Lee and Ann Boggs of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Steve Carter and Sharon and Dean Zolman, all of Churubusco, and Connie and Jerry Frymier of Albion; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandchild.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Geneva Alleshouse

PENROSE, Colo. — Geneva B. Alleshouse, 97, of Penrose, Colo., and formerly of Angola, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at her son's home in Penrose.

Mrs. Alleshouse was born in Steuben County on July 14, 1908, to Oakley and Blanche (Ewing) Amerman. She married Donald J. Alleshouse on Feb. 23, 1929, in Angola, and he survives.

She and her husband moved to Florence, Colo., in 1955. She was a member of Florence Church of the Nazarene.

Also surviving are four daughters, Joan Sloat of Fremont, Marilyn Rowe of Boise, Idaho, Norma Henke of Hamilton and Alene Penrod of Bourbonnais, Ill.; a son, Larry Alleshouse of Penrose; a sister, Florence Holden of Hudson; 18 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ralph Hill officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Florence Church of the Nazarene or the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Dowane Alfrey

ALBION — Dowane Alfrey, 66, of Albion died Friday, Feb. 10, at the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Christopher Ward

WOLCOTTVILLE — Christopher Shawn Ward, 14, of Wolcottville died unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Christopher Ward

He was an eighth-grade student at Lakeland Middle School, LaGrange. He had been in the Westview school system for all of his prior education.

He enjoyed skateboarding. He was learning to play guitar and enjoyed anything to do with cars.

He was born April 6, 1991, in LaGrange.

He is survived by his father, Rick Ward, of Wolcottville; his mother and her fiance, Richelle (Mishler) Ward and Harold Richardson of Cheboygan, Mich.; three brothers, Austin Ward of Wolcottville and Brandon Richardson and Caelan Richardson, both of Cheboygan; his grandmothers, Joan Moistner of Wolcottville, Pam Mishler of Shipshewana and Konnie and Jim McLain of Tampa, Fla.; and his grandfathers, Ralph Moistner of Muncie and Richard Mishler of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Merle Ward.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Eden Community Worship Center, 4095 S C.R. 900W, Topeka, with the Revs. Harold Gingerich and Matt Gingerich officiating. Burial will take place in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Eden Community Worship Center.

Online condolences can be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to the family or LaGrange County Humane Society.

Dowane Alfrey

ALBION — Dowane Alfrey, 66, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Alfrey

He worked as a tree surgeon for many years and then went to work for Conrail Railroad. Later in life, he opened his own business, the Alfrey Tree Service. He sold that business and opened the Alfrey Mobile Home Salvage business in Albion.

He loved playing cards and games, gardening, and his two dogs, Crickett and Taz.

Mr. Alfrey was born on May 28, 1939, in Ligonier to Allie and Laura (Gangwer) Alfrey. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Alfrey, of Albion; three sons, Robert Alfrey of Albion, Tony and Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse and Tim Alfrey of Kendallville; five daughters, Kristi Alfrey of Albion, Cindy Crawford of Fort Wayne, Jean and Jeff Coplin of Kendallville, Cheryl and Jerry Harter of Kendallville and Tina Cleveland and Heath Smith of Kendallville; a brother, Johnny Alfrey of Ligonier; two brothers-in-law, John Keister and Rusty Keister, both of Albion; four sisters, Marie and Elmer Blaine and Linda and Norman Gregory, all of Churubusco, Betty and Eddie Heath of Alabama and Norma and George DeWalt of Fremont, Ohio; a special friend, Rick Davis of Albion; a sister-in-law, Loraine "Dewey" Smith of Albion; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Tate Keister; three sisters, Midge Rockey, Velda Hancock, Pearl Slabaugh; and a brother, Robert Alfrey.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Robert and Kristi Alfrey.

Condolences can be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Norman Stump

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio — Norman "Norm" D. Stump, 78, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the Country Court Nursing Home in Mount Vernon.

He retired in 1988 from the Liqui-Box Company in Worthington, Ohio. He enjoyed traveling and camping in his retirement and was an avid outdoorsman. He had a love for horses, birds and flowers. He attended the New Life Community Church in Fredericktown, Ohio, and was a devout Christian.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1928, in Auburn to Dewey and Gladys (Tague) Stump. He married Carolyn F. (Shoudel) Stump on Oct. 27, 1955. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig and Kerri Stump and Jeffrey and Glenda Stump, all of Fredericktown, Eric Stump of Reynoldsburg and Kurt Stump of Reynoldsburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Jim Miller of Newark and Julia and Stacy Holmes of Mount Vernon; seven grandchildren, Tyler Stump, Lauren Stump, Tammie Stephens and her husband,Todd, Bethany Stump, Timothy Stump, Zachary Blakely and Abbey Holmes; and a brother and sister-in-law, Leland and Sue Stump of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Matthew Stump.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Flowers-Snyder Funeral Home in Mount Vernon with Pastor Dennis M. Turner officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Life Community Church Bulding Fund, 16 E. College St., Fredericktown, OH 43019.

Online condolences may be left at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

M. Iszora Call

BRIDGETON, Mo. — M. Iszora Call, 83, of Bridgeton, Mo., and formerly of Angola died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis.

She was a cook in the cafeteria at Angola High School in the 1970s and was also a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and Old Hickory Club.

Mrs. Call was born on March 17, 1922, in Columbia, Ohio, to Err and Edna (Musser) Lemmon. She married Shirley Call on April 12, 1942. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1996.

She is survived by a daughter, Gloria Jean Chenault of Bridgeton; two sons, Roger Dale Call of Newburgh and Richard Lee Call of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Doris Veres of Fostoria, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Weir Lemmon; and a sister, Gertrude Murdock.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Christian Church.

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County worker loved plowing snow

FREMONT — If there was one thing Dick Simpson was, it was a worker.

In spring 2004, the 68-year-old Mr. Simpson announced he was retiring after 46 years with the Steuben County Highway Department. His co-workers threw him a going-away party, and he was officially retired.

For a couple of weeks.

As it turned out, he wasn't one who could just relax and enjoy his golden years. Before he was even retired from the county, he began working part-time for Fremont Sand and Gravel. By July 2004, he was working there full-time.

"I sat around here for a couple of weeks, and it about drove me nuts," Mr. Simpson said in a July 2004 interview for the Herald-Republican. "I can't stand not working. I've worked all my life, you know?"

Mr. Simpson, who lived in Fremont with his wife of 49 years, Betty, died Jan. 25. He was 70.

He was born in Alvordton, Ohio. As he grew older, he enjoyed his family and grandchildren, his big truck and the farm where he spent a lot of time with his family. He had three children, Lisa, Steven and Randy; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Simpson had some health setbacks prior to his retirement. In his July 2004 interview, he recounted how he was temporarily felled by a heart attack and bleeding ulcer after Betty was stricken with a stroke and a seizure that March.

But he had gotten past all that and was happy and healthy.

"I was just upset," he said. "Everything was all stirred upside down. But I feel just as good as I ever did."

He recalled with fondness that his favorite thing about working for the county was plowing snow. He was able to do that at Fremont Sand and Gravel as well.

In 2004, Betty said she didn't see her husband slowing down any time soon.

"What I do," she said, "is just wait for him to show up."

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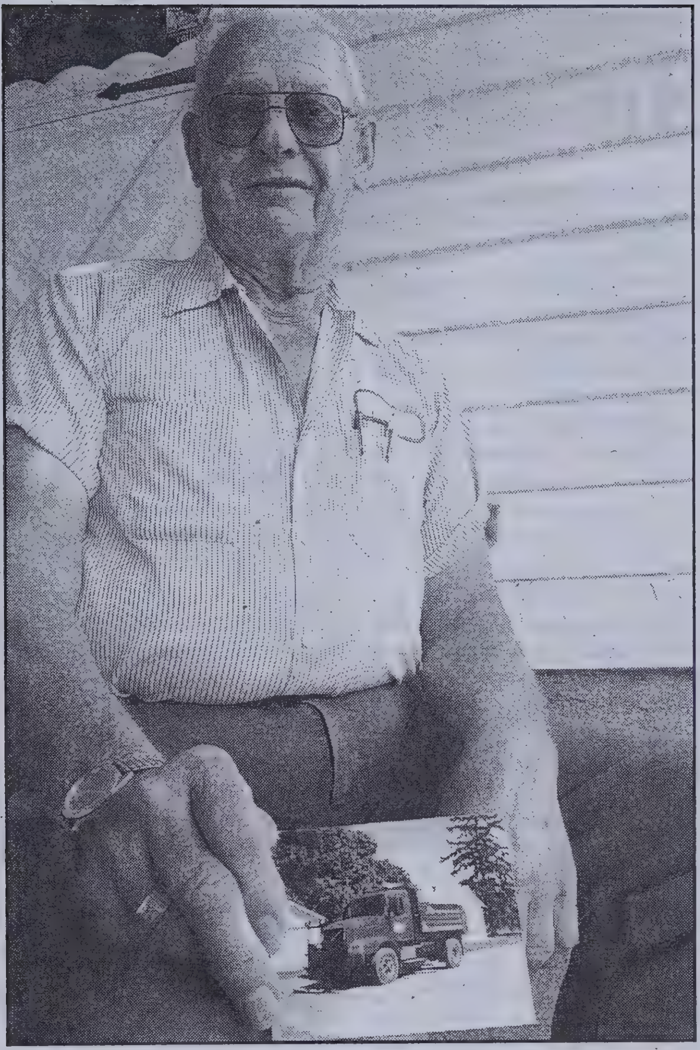

ANDY BARRAND

Dick Simpson of Fremont worked for the Steuben County Highway Department for 46 years, retiring in 2004. Mr. Simpson died on Jan. 25. He was 70.

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February 13, 2006, Monday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to include additional information provided by the family.*

Dowane Alfrey

ALBION — Dowane Alfrey, 66, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Alfrey

He worked as a tree surgeon for many years and then went to work for Conrail Railroad. Later in life, he opened his own business, the Alfrey Tree Service. He sold that business and opened the Alfrey Mobile Home Salvage business in Albion.

He loved playing cards and games, gardening, and his two dogs, Crickett and Taz.

Mr. Alfrey was born on May 28, 1939, in Ligonier to Allie and Laura (Gangwer) Alfrey. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Alfrey of Albion; three sons, Robert Alfrey of Albion, Tony and Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse and Tim Alfrey of Kendallville; five daughters, Kristi Alfrey of Albion, Cindy Crawford of Fort Wayne, Jean and Jeff Coplin of Kendallville, Cheryl and Jerry Harter of Kendallville and Tina Cleveland and Heath Smith of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Cathy Alfrey of Ligonier; two brothers-in-law, John Keister and Rusty Keister, both of Albion; four sisters, Marie and Elmer Blaine and Linda and Norman Gregory, all of Churubusco, Betty and Eddie Heath of Alabama and Norma and George DeWalt of Fremont, Ohio; a special friend, Rick Davis of Albion; a sister-in-law, Loraine "Dewey" Smith of Albion; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Tate Keister; four sisters, Midge Rockey, Velda Hancock, Pearl Slabaugh and Rose Smith; and a brother, Robert Alfrey.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Robert and Kristi Alfrey.

Condolences can be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Welch

KIMMELL — William H. Welch, 81, of Kimmell died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Barbara Muha

GRIFFITH — Barbara N. Muha, 75, of Griffith died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Muha was born Oct. 15, 1930, in East Chicago to Walter and Dorothy (Adams) Amborski. She married William J. Muha on Jan. 28, 1956, and he preceded her in death in 1984.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Janet and Bill Hartsuff of Angola, Judy and Tom Maicher of Crown Point, Patricia and Tom Wichlinski of Griffith and Pam Muha of Germantown, Md.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Deb Muha of Crown Point and Richard and Maryjo Muha of Griffith; and 10 grandchildren, including Anna Hartsuff of Angola.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Griffith.

Calling will be today from 4-9 p.m. at Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland.

Memorials are to Hospice of the Calumet Area or St. Mary's.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error.*

Christopher Ward

WOLCOTTVILLE — Christopher Shawn Ward, 14, of Wolcottville died unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Christopher Ward

He was an eighth-grade student at Lakeland Middle School, LaGrange. He had been in the Westview school system for all of his prior education.

He enjoyed skateboarding. He was learning to play guitar and enjoyed anything to do with cars.

He was born April 6, 1991, in LaGrange.

He is survived by his father, Rick Ward, of Wolcottville; his mother and her fiance, Richelle (Mishler) Ward and Harold Richardson of Cheboygan, Mich.; three brothers, Austin Ward of Wolcottville and Brandon Richardson and Caelan Richardson, both of Cheboygan; his grandmothers, Joan Moistner of Wolcottville, Pam Mishler of Shipshewana and Konnie and Jim McLain of Tampa, Fla.; and his grandfathers, Ralph Moistner of Muncie and Richard Mishler of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Merle Ward.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Eden Community Worship Center, 4095 S C.R. 900W, Topeka, with the Revs. Harold Gingerich and Matt Gingerich officiating. Burial will take place in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Eden Community Worship Center.

Online condolences can be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to the family or LaGrange County Humane Society.

Lois Disler

FORT WAYNE — Lois I. Disler, 80, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Disler was born on Jasper County, Ill. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Carol Dunn of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Marcella Tracy of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Evon and John Weaver of Nashville; three grandchildren and their spouses, Ronald Jr. and Teresa Dunn and Stephen Dunn, all of Fort Wayne, and Michelle and Jonathon Kistler of Jacksonville, Fla.; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Disler, in 1994.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Steven Gradeless

AUBURN — Steven A. Gradeless, 61, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

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Circumstances of death unknown

Police say woman had been dead for 'days'; man found lying next to body

MATT GETTS

County police are shown at the scene of a death investigation Monday evening at a residence in the 1100 block of West Waits Road. A woman's body was discovered. She had been dead for several days, authorities said. Police have not ruled out foul play.

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BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — Authorities are investigating the death of a woman whose body was discovered by police performing a welfare check at a home Monday evening on West Waits Road in rural Kendallville.

The woman has been identified as Sandra Warrix, 48, of the 1100 block of West Waits Road. She had been dead for "days," investigators said, and was found in bed.

A male subject was found lying next to the woman on the bed, according to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman. The man refused to cooperate with police and was taken to the Northeastern Center's inpatient Auburn mental health facility on a 72-hour emergency commitment.

Leatherman said without results from an autopsy it is not known what role, if any, the male subject had in the woman's death.

An autopsy to determine cause and manner of death has been scheduled for today, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff.

Investigators said it is not known today if the woman died of natural causes or if something criminal occurred. Gaff said the autopsy should help provide that answer.

"We have not ruled out the possibility of foul play at this point," Gaff said.

"It appears the body had been dead for days rather than hours," Gaff said this morning. "We're still trying to establish how many days."

Police were called at 5:59 p.m. Monday to check on the welfare of a person at a home in the 1100 block of West Waits Road. Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Richard Anderson arrived at 6:01 p.m.

"There hadn't been any contact with the resident for several days," Leatherman said. "The mail hadn't

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been picked up."

According to Leatherman, the woman hadn't been seen for at least six days.

Anderson gained entry with the assistance of a relative.

"When Deputy Anderson gained access, he observed a person lying on the bed," Leatherman said. "There was (a) male lying on the bed next to the victim. He told (Anderson) … to get out."

At one point, the male subject allegedly reached under the bed.

Anderson backed out of the residence and called for backup.

The Noble County Special Operations Group (NCSOG) was activated at 6:45 p.m. and gained entry into the home at 8:10 p.m.

"They confronted the subject. He failed to respond to verbal commands," Leatherman said.

A Taser stun gun was used to subdue the subject just outside the bedroom where the woman's body was found, and he was taken to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. He was interviewed by investigators, but failed to respond to any questions.

The male subject was then taken to Parkview Noble Hospital for evaluation, and then a judge issued a 72-hour emergency holding order on the man.

"I don't know if he was living with the victim or if he was staying with her at the time," Leatherman said. "We don't know how long he'd been there."

The investigation is ongoing.

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Basil Myers

COLUMBIA CITY — Basil L. Myers, 74, of Columbia City died at 10:10 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Thursday.

He was born May 13, 1931, in Sparta Township of Noble County to Chester "Chet" K. and Ruth Helen Shafer Myers.

He grew up in Columbia City, where he was educated in the West Ward School. He worked at the Columbia Woolen Mill for three years before enlisting in the U.S. Army. After his discharge from military duty in October 1952, he made his home in South Whitley, where he was employed at the Texaco service station, then Johnson Brothers Sign Co. and later the Chamberlain Products Co. for 17 years.

He married Brenda Stansell and they made their home in Columba City while he was employed by White Automotive Co. In 1990, they moved to Alabama, and he was employed by the Defense Research Co. Since 1998, they have made their home in Columbia City, and he was most recently employed by Passages as custodian for the rest park on U.S. 30 in Allen County.

He was affiliated with the Lincolnway Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda; six daughters and three sons-in-law, Lora and Jeff Bridegam of Columbia City, Kelly and Joe Calhoun of Sidney, Dorothy Myers of South Whitley, Tina Cooper of Bonifay, Fla., Gina and Rick Cooper Kneller of Bonifay, Fla., and Wendy Cooper Wheeler of Columbia City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg and Shirley Cooper of Bonifay and Noble Cooper of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several stepgranchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Devona and James Berg of Big Lake; a stepbrother, Stanley Lawson of Avilla; and three stepsisters, Charlene Murphy and Nancy Tepin, both of Fort Wayne, and Ann Askren of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepparents; a son, Kent Myers; and a sister, Betty Bratt.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Pastor Neal Noey of the Lincolnway Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lincolnway Church of Christ.

Steven Gradeless

AUBURN — Steven A. Gradeless, 61, of Auburn died at 12:19 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at his home.

Born Jan. 27, 1945, in Garrett, he worked as a truck driver for Schneider Trucking for 32 years, retiring in 2004. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, serving from 1964 to 1972 and earning the Bronze Star.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 135 in Fort Wayne and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed all types of trains and loved his grandchildren.

Surviving are his mother, Marie G. (Grunawalt) Brindle of Garrett; a daughter, Tonya Marie Hoeffel of Garrett; three sons, David Scott Gradeless of Pendleton, Steven Allen Gradeless Jr. of Garrett and Thomas Earl Gradeless of Fremont; six grandchildren; a sister, Sandra Guinn of Auburn; four stepsisters, Nancy Moore of Newville, Sharron Plummer of Auburn, Martha Geyer of Spencerville and Dawn Bartles of Garrett; and four stepbrothers, Charles Carnahan of St. Joe, Joe Rugman of Auburn, Ralph Rugman of Waterloo and Bruce Rugman of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl G. Gradeless; and a brother, Thomas Gradeless.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Kyra Trippe

FORT WAYNE — Kyra Lynn Trippe, 52, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, in Bryan, Ohio.

She graduated from St. Vincent School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio, and was a licensed practical nurse. She had been employed at the Medical College of Ohio for seven years and then as an obstetrics nurse at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for 10 years. Recently she was employed as a nurse with Hospice and Home Health Care in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trippe was born July 31, 1953, in Bryan to Kenneth R. and Rita J. (Lamont) Rollins. She married Lester R. Trippe on Dec.14, 1988, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are her parents in Angola; two sons, Tyler R. Trippe of Lexington, Ky., and Jordon R. Trippe of Angola; a brother and his fiancee, Brooks W. Rollins and Celeste Heidelburg of Wauseon, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Brigelle and Russ Strang of Angola; and four nieces, Sydnee Strang and Brooke, Brittany and Bailey Rollins.

Services will be private.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

James Fowler

TORRANCE, Calif. — James Arthur Fowler, 74, of Torrance died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006.

Mr. Fowler was born May 28, 1931, in Los Angeles to Ray and Ethel Fowler. He lived in Angola and Hamilton from June 2003 to February 2005. He and his wife came to the Steuben County area to spend time with their family prior to Mr. Fowler's cancer progressing and to help their daughter establish Women in Transition Inc., a drug and alcohol recovery house for women.

He was a graduate of Gardena High School and El Camino College in California. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and was a police officer for the city of Torrance for 25 years.

His hobbies included golfing, boating and, in his younger years, water skiing and desert motorcycle racing.

While living in Steuben County, he attended SonLight Community Church. He was a member of Rolling Hills Covenant Church in California since 1994.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Darlene; a daughter and son-in-law, Lindi and Otis Marti of Angola; and two grandsons, Corey Courrielche and Lucas Lautzenhiser.

Memorial services were held Jan. 26 at Rolling Hills Covenant Church.

Memorials are to the Women in Transition Building Fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation, 207 S. Wayne St., Suite A, Angola, IN 46703.

Sue Brown

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Sue Cooper Brown, 74, of Tuscaloosa died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Hospice of West Alabama.

Mrs. Brown was born in Indianapolis to William David and Mildred (Cooper) Baxter on July 8, 1931. She lived much of her life in Fort Wayne and retired from the Fort Wayne Community School system. She loved the water and traveled between her lake home in Indiana to her home in Punta Gorda, Fla., until moving to Alabama several years ago.

Survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott Robert and Ann Brenizer of Tuscaloosa; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Brenizer and Doug Jackson of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy (Baxter) and James Jordan of Wolcottville; and six grandchildren, Robert Scott Brenizer of Fort Bragg, N.C., Clinton Douglas Jackson of Los Angeles, Boyd Scott Jackson of Angola and James David Bryan, Sarah Patton Bryan and Kathryn Ann Bryan, all of Tuscaloosa.

The family held a private memorial service on Feb. 13 at Westervelt-Warner Chapel, with Dr. Kevin Cauley officiating.

Memorials are to Hospice of West Alabama Inpatient Care, 3851 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404, or the National Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation at www.pkdcure.org.

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William Welch

KIMMELL — William Harwood "Bill" Welch, 81, of Smalley Lake, Kimmell died at 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Welch made custom knives for many years and retired in 1989 from JB Tool Die & Engineering in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to Smalley Lake in 1994.

Mr. Welch loved fishing, family parties and pampering his cat.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an aircraft machinist's mate and radar operator from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Welch was born July 15, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harwood and Flossie L. (Blanchard) Welch. He married Lucille (Crick) Peterson in 1964 at Simpson Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy Peterson and Nancy and Joseph Freiburger Jr., all of Kimmell, Linda and Michael Bailey of Michigan City, Barbara and Ronald Cole of Evansville and Darlene Bolden of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Catherine Peterson and John and Deborah Peterson, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Mosher of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jack and Richard.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Vicar Jeff Springer of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Jerrell McBride

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jerrell W. "Jerry" McBride, 69, of Avondale and formerly of LaGrange died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, in his son's Avondale home.

On Oct. 29, 1936, in Muncie, Ind., he was born to Ralph M. and F. Elizabeth (Boyle) McBride.

He was a milk hauler for County Line Cheese and a driver for Knight Transport in Phoenix, Ariz., before retiring in 2005.

Mr. McBride moved to Arizona from LaGrange in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Victoria Swinehart of Mesa and Tamra McBride of Mineral City, Ohio; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Randall McBride of Phoenix, Douglas and Catherine McBride of Avondale, David "Curly" and Racey McBride of LaGrange, Gary and Lisa McBride of LaGrange and Richard McBride of Mesa; a sister, DeAnna Swift of Sun Valley, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His parents and two sisters, Jeannie Kline and Carolyn Christner, preceded him in death.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Cause of woman's death elusive

Coroner awaiting autopsy test results

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — She was not shot. She was not likely stabbed.

Authorities are still unsure how and why Sandra Benson-Warrix died, however. The 48-year-old rural Kendallville resident's body was discovered Monday evening by police. She had last been seen approximately seven days ago, according to investigators.

An autopsy performed Tuesday did rule out some forms of violent death, but there were no definitive answers.

"Mrs. (Benson-) Warrix had no obvious evidence of trauma on the initial part of the autopsy," Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff said this morning. "That does not mean there was no trauma.

"There are a lot of changes in the tissue of the body (during decomposition) that might obscure bruises or other pieces of information."

Gaff said the initial autopsy findings ruled out a gunshot wound and that there was no evidence of a stab wound.

Gaff said he would know more when toxicology results and microscopic testing of tissue is completed. Those processes will take at least two weeks, he said.

Benson-Warrix

A male subject found lying next to the woman on the bed Monday evening remains in a mental health facility on a 72-hour commitment, according to Noble County Sheriff Gary

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Leatherman. The man refused to cooperate with police and had to be subdued by a Taser stun gun.

The man has remained uncooperative, and police are unsure what role — if any — the man may have had in the death of Benson-Warrix.

According to defense attorney Mike Yoder, who is not affiliated in any way with the case, said it may be difficult to get valuable information from the man because of competence issues. The man may not be capable of understanding his rights, making any information gleaned inadmissable in court.

Police were called at 5:59 p.m. Monday to check on the welfare of a person at a home in the 1100 block of West Waits Road. Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Richard Anderson arrived at 6:01 p.m.

"There hadn't been any contact with the resident for several days," Leatherman said. "The mail hadn't been picked up."

According to Leatherman, the woman hadn't been seen for at least seven days.

Anderson gained entry with the assistance of a relative.

"When Deputy Anderson gained access, he observed a person lying on the bed," Leatherman said. "There was another male lying on the bed next to the victim. He told (Anderson) … to get out."

At one point, the male subject allegedly reached under the bed.

Anderson backed out of the residence and called for backup.

The Noble County Special Operations Group (NCSOG) was activated at 6:45 p.m. and gained entry into the home at 8:10 p.m.

"They confronted the subject. He failed to respond to verbal commands," Leatherman said.

A Taser stun gun was used to subdue the subject just outside the bedroom where the woman's body was found, and he was taken to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. He was interviewed by investigators, but failed to respond to any questions.

The male subject was then taken to Parkview Noble Hospital for evaluation, and then a judge issued a 72-hour emergency holding order on the man.

"I don't know if he was living with the victim or if he was staying with her at the time," Leatherman said. "We don't know how long he'd been there."

Raymond Pease

HUDSON — Raymond C. Pease, 52, of Hudson, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pease worked in maintenance at General Electric in Fort Wayne for four years. He was a member of the Ashley-Hudson United Methodist Church.

He was born July 3, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Dallas and Rita (Osbourne) Pease. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Pease and Jamie Bertsch of Hudson; a son, Jonathan Pease of Ashley; a granddaughter, Samantha Bertsch of Hudson; two brothers, William Pease of New Haven and Jim Pease of Illinois; and his former wife, Deborah Pease.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Mark and Steven Pease.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Becky Brault officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Thomas Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Sandra Benson-Warrix

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra Sue Benson-Warrix, 48, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at her rural Kendallville home.

She had been a teacher's aide for special needs children at Rome City School for about nine years.

Mrs. Benson-Warrix

Mrs. Benson-Warrix had been a foster parent in LaGrange and Noble counties for 10 years.

She attended Restoration Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 15, 1957, in Kendallville to Virgil R. and Wanda L. (Hunter) Fannin. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Angel and Jon Diehm of Kendallville, Kristin Benson of Rome City and Toria Warrix of Garrett; a son, B.J. Benson of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Ed Slone of Albion, Karen and Jim Parks of Avilla and Angie and Pat Rudolph of Kendallville; four grandsons, Brody and Ashton Benson of Rome City and Lucas and Jacob Diehm of Kendallville; and her former husbands, Bill Benson of Michigan and Tim Warrix of Albion.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for her children.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marc Royer

AUBURN — Marc R. Royer, 37, of Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Royer was a steam fitter with Local 166 and worked at Wagner-Meinert Inc.

He was born Nov. 15, 1968, in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Elmhurst High School and graduated magna cum laude from Ivy Tech, where he received a degree in applied science in the building trades of plumber and pipe fitter.

Surviving are his wife, DeAnna Royer of Auburn; three daughters, Amber Marie, Andrea Elise and Abigail Lynn; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. and Andrew Sweet Blanzy of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; one brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; three stepsisters, Sue Koop, Jody and Diane; and one stepbrother, Derek.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet; and a brother, David Jon Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to his children.

David Royer

FORT WAYNE — David Jon Royer, 34, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

He was a steam fitter for 16 years with Local 166, working for Shambaugh & Son.

He was born March 10, 1971, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Royer was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and an avid fan of NASCAR. He enjoyed four-wheeling, golf, helping people in need and playing with his children.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa Marie Royer of Fort Wayne; three sons, Trevor Lee, Zacharie David and Alexander Eugene; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. and Andrew Sweet Blanzy of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; one brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; three stepsisters, Sue Koop, Jody and Diane; and one stepbrother, Derek; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet; and a brother, Marc Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to his family.

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Grace Stezowski

DOWAGIAC, Mich. — Grace E. Stezowski, 87, of Dowagiac and formerly of South Haven, Mich., died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at her home.

She was born Dec. 28, 1918, in Garrett to Berti and Naomi (Ferry) Burns.

She graduated from high school in Garrett and then attended college at Western Michigan University.

She married Alfred Stezowski on May 22, 1951, in South Haven at St. Basil's Catholic Church.

An outdoors person, she enjoyed flower gardening and loved to swim and hike. She also loved knitting, crocheting and painting. She loved art work.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who died in 1972; a sister, Daphene Onofrio; and a brother-in-law, Julio Onofrio.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alfred and Jean Stezowski of Coloma, Mich., David and Jeanne Stezowski of South Haven, Mich., and Michael Stezowski of Orland; five daughters and a son-in-law, Teresa Stezowski of Hudson, Betty Stezowski of Dowagiac, Mich., Carol Stezowski and Cindy Stezowski, both of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Garland and Jay Simpson of San Francisco, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Bobby and Tammy Ingram, Brian and Evette Stezowski, Eric and Karen Stezowski, Sara Stezowski, Betty and Jason Buonomo, Mike Stezowski Jr., Kimberly Jewell, Thomas Stezowski, Nicole Greer, Jackie Jewell, Matthew Stezowski and Angie Lick; nine great-grandchildren, Jamie, Nicole, Bobbie Jean, Brittany, Justin, Makenna, Tyler, Brandon and Brook; one great-great - grandchild, Tori McKiney; a goddaughter, Juletta Dunn of Pana, Ill., and several special nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Basil's Catholic Church with Rev. Father John Young officiating. Burial will be at Monks Cemetery in Geneva Township.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, 1076 S. Bailey Ave., South Haven, Mich., with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m..

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 648 Monroe Ave. NW, Suite 004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Friends may sign the register online, leave a message for the family or share a short story about Mrs. Stezowski at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

Germaine Bopp

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — Germaine I. Bopp, 85, of Lehigh Acres died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006.

Mrs. Bopp and her husband, Ronald, moved to Kendallville in 1953 and owned T&J Sunoco. In 1963 she and her husband moved to Decatur where they owned and operated Jack and Jerry's Tavern until 1973 when they moved to Lehigh Acres.

She was born April 18, 1920, in Maples, Ind., to Amile and Irma (VanDurme) DeClercq She graduated from Monroeville High School and from the Ravenscroft Beauty College. She married Ronald Bopp in Monroeville on May 4, 1940. He is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Theresa Jakway of Garrett; a son-in-law: John A. Bell of Lehigh Acres; a daughter-in-law: Linda Bopp of Lehigh Acres; grandchildren, Renee and Duron Bopp, John Jakway, Alicia Noonam, Cheryl Romeo and Kent Jakway; and great-grandchildren, Matthew and Thomas Romeo and Gwen Jakway.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son: Tim Bopp; a daughter, Judy Bell; and a son-in-law, Jack Jakway.

Services will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Raphael Catholic Church with burial to follow in Lee Memorial Park Cemetery.

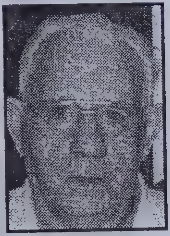
Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Farley Memorial Funeral Home, 1100 Lee Blvd., with a scripture service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice of Lee County, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 15, 2006, Wednesday

Lee Sparkman Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Lee Sparkman Sr., 73, of Kendallville died at 2:03 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Sparkman

Mr. Sparkman retired in 1992 as a supervisor after 43 years of service with Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. He served with the Noble County EMS from 1974-2000.

He had served as a police officer in Kendallville, Avilla and Rome City and was the former Justice of the Peace for Wayne Township.

Mr. Sparkman had worked part-time at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home for several years.

Mr. Sparkman moved to Kendallville from Kentucky in 1950 and was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Mousie, Ky., to Troy and Rachel (Tuttle) Sparkman. He married Zella Slone on April 27, 1951, in Hindman, Ky. She died Nov. 19, 1999.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Anthony Wayne and Anita Sparkman, Carlos Sparkman and Hargos and Vicki Sparkman, all of Kendallville, and Jeffrey Brian and Heidi Sparkman of LaOtto; his twin brother and his wife, Willie and Ruby Sparkman of Corunna; a sister, Edna Osbarn of Kentucky; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Lee Sparkman Jr. and James Vernon Sparkman; four brothers; and five sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon officiating.

Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery at Avilla. Pallbearers will be Anthony Sparkman, Hargos Sparkman, Carlos Sparkman, Jeff Sparkman, Floyd Marquart and Jim Dazey.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and from noon to midnight Friday at the church, with a service at 6 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Lee Sparkman Jr. Memorial Education Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Sumney

ANGOLA — Phyllis L. Sumney, 75, Angola, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at her home.

She was a loan secretary at Key Corp. in Angola from 1978 through her retirement in 1995. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. She enjoyed bowling and sewing and was known for crocheting many afghans and working crossword puzzles.

She was born April 26, 1930 in New Haven to Frank and Clara (Trier) Bremer. On Nov. 2, 1952 she married William "Bill" Ray Sumney, and he survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Ross and Tami Sumney of Big Turkey Lake; two daughters and their husbands, Barb and Steve Schroeder of Zionsville and Lisa and Kevin Stockwell of Hudson; two brothers, Franklin Bremer of Findlay, Ohio, and George Bremer of New Haven; three sisters, Estella Peters of New Haven, Hazel Etzler of Fort Wayne and Helen Etzler of Lima, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Kyle and Laura Stockwell and Heidi Schroeder.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, with the Rev. Waynce C. Berkesch officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and from noon until service time on Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to the church's Moving Forward in Grace program and Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 15, 2006, Wednesday

Cromwell woman sentenced in DWI fatality

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ALBION — The consequences of drinking and driving were graphically clear for a Cromwell woman last Thursday when she was sentenced in Noble Circuit Court on three felony charges stemming from a fatal car pedestrian incident that happened last August 19.

Candy J. Hill

Candy Joann Hill, 30, of the 3000 block of North C.R. 1025 W near Cromwell and formerly of Albion, was sentenced Thursday to three years each for two counts of operating while intoxicated resulting in serious bodily injury, Class D felonies, and eight years for operation while intoxicated resulting in death, a Class C felony. The sentences will be served concurrently.

Judge Laur also suspended Hill's driver's license for a period of four years.

Court documents indicate that Hill was westbound on Cromwell Road at about 9 a.m. August 19, 2006 when she struck pedestrians Ruby Rookstool, 18, of Cromwell; her fiancé,

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Travis Williams, 24, of Pierceton; and their friend, Heather Scrivens, 22, of Syracuse as they walked along the roadside. The trio was enroute to Rookstool's house after purchasing snacks and pop at an area convenience store.

Williams suffered multiple injuries and died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne two days later.

Scrivens' tailbone was broken in the impact, and her pelvis was broken in four places.

During the sentencing hearing, a tearful Scrivens asked the judge to give Hill the maximum allowed by law.

A statement on behalf of Rookstool was read by Suzie Pippenger, the court's victims' advocate.

In addition to the felony charges, Hill had initially been charged with dangerous driving, a Class A misdemeanor; with a blood-alcohol content of at least 9.08 percent but less that 0.15 percent; and driving without insurance, a Class A infraction. Those charges were dismissed as part of a plea agreement reached with the Noble County Prosecutor's office.

Looking straight at the spectator's seating area, Hill, tears streaming down her face, made an apology to the families of the victims. "I'm so sorry, she said. "I was so stupid."

Hill's attorney James Abbs expressed to Judge Laur the fact that Hill has continually spoken with regret about her actions, and her desire to apologize to the families of Williams, Rookstool and Scrivens. Abbs also stressed Hill's continual concern for her own four children and what the impact of her actions is having on them.

"I've never had a client like this, your honor," said Abbs.

Abbs' recommendation was for Hill to be placed on probation for part of the sentence with the rationale that the court could monitor her for a longer time period. He also stated that sexual abuse as a child and an abusive relationship led Hill to depression for which she was taking medication. Abbs also noted that Hill was "self-medicating" with alcohol.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse disagreed with the idea of probation, noting that Hill, who stayed at the scene of the crash, was so intoxicated that she told police she had hit two people, when in fact three individuals were struck.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 15, 2006, Wednesday

Dowane Alfrey, 66

ALBION — Dowane Alfrey, 66, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He worked as a tree surgeon for many years and then went to work for Conrail Railroad. Later in life, he opened his own business, the Alfrey Tree Service. He sold that business and opened the Alfrey Mobile Home Salvage business in Albion.

He loved playing cards and games, gardening, and his two dogs, Crickett and Taz.

Mr. Alfrey was born on May 28, 1939, in Ligonier to Allie and Laura (Gangwer) Alfrey. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Alfrey, of Albion; three sons, Robert Alfrey of Albion, Tony and Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse and Tim Alfrey of Kendallville; five daughters, Kristi Alfrey of Albion, Cindy Crawford of Fort Wayne, Jean and Jeff Coplin of Kendallville, Cheryl and Jerry Harter of Kendallville and Tina Cleveland and Heath Smith of Kendallville; a brother, Johnny Alfrey of Ligonier; two brothers-in-law, John Keister and Rusty Keister, both of Albion; four sisters, Marie and Elmer Blaine and Linda and Norman Gregory, all of Churubusco, Betty and Eddie Heath of Alabama and Norma and George DeWalt of Fremont, Ohio; a special friend, Rick Davis of Albion; a sister-in-law, Loraine "Dewey" Smith of Albion; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Tate Keister; four sisters, Midge Rockey, Velda Hancock, Pearl Slabaugh, Rose Smith; and a brother, Robert Alfrey.

Services were held Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Terry Zolman officiated. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Robert and Kristi Alfrey.

Condolences can be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Helmer, 83

AVILLA – Ruth M. Helmer, 83, of Avilla died at 9:28 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home after being in declining health for the past six years.

Mrs. Helmer was a homemaker and had also worked seven years at General Electric.

She was a 1940 graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne and had been an Avilla resident since 1947.

Mrs. Helmer was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 22, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Lionel and Ruth (Birkenbuel) Gebhardt. She married Dale Helmer on May 17, 1947, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 24, 1994.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis Helmer of Avilla, Douglas Helmer of Fort Wayne and Steven Helmer of Porter, Ind.; a daughter, Susan Houlihan of Bluffton; a sister, Mary Ullen of Encino, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Koehling and Florence Mangan; and a brother, Lionel Gebhardt Jr.

Services were held Saturday, February 11, 2006, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 15, 2006, Wednesday

Orva King, 89

WOLCOTTVILLE – Orva King, 89, of Wolcottville died at 6:55 p.m. on February 6, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange in LaGrange, IN.

He was born on June 26, 1916 in Breathitt County, Kentucky, a son of Sherman and Corra (Marshall) King.

On December 29, 1939, he was united in marriage to Alberta E. Berger. She survives.

Mr. King was a heavy equipment operator and was employed for several years by Sahli and Johnson as a crane operator and carpenter. He retired in 1974.

In addition to his wife Alberta, he is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Dewaine D. (Julia) King of Wolcottville, David (Debra) King of Avilla, and Dennis (Diane) King of Albion; two brothers, Kenneth King of Greenville, PA and William King of Willard, OH; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Corra King; two brothers, Kelly and Lawson King; and a sister, Etta (King) Landis.

Services were held Friday, February 10, 2006, at Immanual Lutheran Church, with Rev. Dean Bearman and Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating.

Burial was in Immanual Lutheran Church Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials are to Immanual Lutheran Church Preschool.

Lois McWilliams, 81

FORT WAYNE – Lois Ilene McWilliams, 81, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at 2:50 a.m. at her daughter Dixie's home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. McWilliams was born April 18, 1924, in Green Township, rural Noble County, to Harmon and Clara (Owen) Boggs. She was married to George H. McWilliams on June 19, 1943, in Wolf Lake, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 1995.

She was a homemaker. She had lived in Albion all of her life except the past 2 1/2 years. She enjoyed sewing and used to make wedding cakes for people in the Albion area.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 178. She was a graduate of Albion High School.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Jack Davis of Las Vegas, Donita and Tim Hippensteel of St. Louis and Dixie and Mike Lough of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, DeLynn and Mary McWilliams of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald and Lorain Boggs and Ray and Betty Boggs, all of Churubusco, and Lee and Ann Boggs of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Steve Carter and Sharon and Dean Zolman, all of Churubusco, and Connie and Jerry Frymier of Albion; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandchild.

Services were held Monday, February 11, 2006, at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 15, 2006, Wednesday

Basil L. Myers, 74

COLUMBIA CITY - Basil L. Myers, 74, of Columbia City died at 10:10 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Thursday.

He was born May 13, 1931, in Sparta Township of Noble County to Chester "Chet" K. and Ruth Helen Shafer Myers.

He grew up in Columbia City, where he was educated in the West Ward School. He worked at the Columbia Woolen Mill for three years before enlisting in the U.S. Army. After his discharge from military duty in October 1952, he made his home in South Whitley, where he was employed at the Texaco service station, then Johnson Brothers Sign Co. and later the Chamberlain Products Co. for 17 years.

He married Brenda Stansell and they made their home in Columba City while he was employed by White Automotive Co. In 1990, they moved to Alabama, and he was employed by the Defense Research Co. Since 1998, they have made their home in Columbia City, and he was most recently employed by Passages as custodian for the rest park on U.S. 30 in Allen County.

He was affiliated with the Lincolnway Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda; six daughters and three sons-in-law, Lora and Jeff Bridegam of Columbia City, Kelly and Joe Calhoun of Sidney, Dorothy Myers of South Whitley, Tina Cooper of Bonifay, Fla., Gina and Rick Cooper Kneller of Bonifay, Fla., and Wendy Cooper Wheeler of Columbia City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg and Shirley Cooper of Bonifay and Noble Cooper of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several stepgranchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Devona and James Berg of Big Lake; a stepbrother, Stanley Lawson of Avilla; and three stepsisters, Charlene Murphy and Nancy Tepin, both of Fort Wayne, and Ann Askren of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepparents; a son, Kent Myers; and a sister, Betty Bratt.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Pastor Neal Noey of the Lincolnway Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery.

Calling was Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lincolnway Church of Christ.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 15, 2006, Wednesday

William Harwood "Bill" Welch, 81

KIMMELL - William Harwood "Bill" Welch, 81, of Smalley Lake, Kimmell, died at 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Welch made custom knives for many years and retired in 1989 from JB Tool Die & Engineering in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to Smalley Lake in 1994.

Mr. Welch loved fishing, family parties and pampering his cat.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an aircraft machinist's mate and radar operator from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Welch was born July 15, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harwood and Flossie L. (Blanchard) Welch. He married Lucille (Crick) Peterson in 1964 at Simpson Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy Peterson and Nancy and Joseph Freiburger Jr., all of Kimmell, Linda and Michael Bailey of Michigan City, Barbara and Ronald Cole of Evansville and Darlene Bolden of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Catherine Peterson and John and Deborah Peterson, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Mosher of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jack and Richard.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Vicar Jeff Springer of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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February 16, 2006, Thursday

Ora Graber

BRONSON, Mich. — Ora A. Graber, 85, of Bronson died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at his home.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and was ordained into the ministry on May 7, 1949. He was a farmer all of his life.

He was born Dec. 13, 1920, in Middlebury to Albert I. and Fannie (Miller) Graber. He married Fanny Yoder on March 27, 1945, in Napanee. The couple moved to Bronson in December 1970.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years; two daughters and sons-in-law, Esther and Levi Stutzman of Bronson and Edna and David Miller of Centreville, Mich.; a son, John Graber of Elkhart; a daughter-in-law, Anne B. Graber of Richmond, Texas; 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; a brother, Fernandis Graber of LaGrange; and a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Dan Miller of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a son, David, in November 1992; a stillborn daughter on Jan. 29, 1954; a granddaughter, Rachel, on Jan. 21, 2005; two sisters, Edna Bontrager and Polly Troyer; and four brothers, Henry, Simon, Elmer and Alvin Graber.

Services will be Saturday at 9 a.m. at the home of John Stutzman at 1071 W. Slisher Road, Bronson, with Bishop Wallace Hershberger of the home church and Bishop Albert J. Troyer officiating.

Calling will be at the Sam Wickey residence at 628 Bawden Road, Bronson, today and Friday afternoon and evening.

Burial will follow the service in Naylor Cemetery, Middlebury. Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson is in charge of arrangements.

Marietta Mills

ARCOLA — Marietta A. Mills, 86, of Arcola and formerly of Loon Lake died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill since November and hospitalized the past two weeks.

Mrs. Mills had lived at Loon Lake for 25 years before moving to Lake Township near Arcola in 1996. She had spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and was educated at St. Patrick's School.

Mrs. Mills

She was born May 18, 1919, to Clarence and Etta (Falls) Townsend. She married Harry E. Mills in Franklin on Feb. 27, 1948. He died July 20, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Tom Thompson of Churubusco; four grandchildren and their spouses, Douglas and Cindy Thompson of Churubusco, Chris and Sherri Thompson and Jill and Sam Trahin, all of Fort Wayne, and Dereck Mills of Columbus, Ohio; six great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a son, Dan E. Mills, on Nov. 14, 1995, and two brothers, Edwin Townsend and George Townsend.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mildred Brindle

AUBURN — Mildred I. Brindle, 86, formerly of Peru, Ind., died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at 7:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn, where she had been a resident.

Mrs. Brindle was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Peru.

She was born June 4, 1919, in Knox to Ralph and Bessie (Laffin) Martin. They preceded her in death.

She married Virgil L. Brindle in 1936. He died Jan. 22, 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Lee and Ann Brindle of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Kay and Bob Williamson of Amboy; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Groshon; and a son, Michael Brindle.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. The Rev. George McCarty will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery of Peru.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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Benjamin Ladig

WOLF LAKE —-Benjamin R. Ladig, 23, of Wolf Lake died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Ladig

Mr. Ladig was a lifetime Wolf Lake resident and a tool and die maker.

He raced dirt bikes and enjoyed remote control cars and motorcycles.

Mr. Ladig was a 2000 graduate of Central Noble High School.

He was born April 1, 1982, in Columbia City to Brian K. and Kathy L. (Appleton) Ladig.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Kathy and Cecil Harrison of Albion; his father and stepmother, Brian and Jacquie Ladig of Wolf Lake; a sister and her fiance, Jessica Ladig and Jeremy Alexander of Columbia City; his stepbrothers and sisters, Carmen Harrison of Bear Lake, Jess and Crystal Harrison of South Whitley, and Andy, Nate and Alyssa Hopkins all of Wolf Lake; a brother-in-law, Mark Farber of Columbia City; his grandparents, Robert and Leila Appleton of Kimmell and Maxine Ladig of Wolf Lake; and his girlfriend, Britnie Gay.

He was preceded in death by a stepsister, Christy Farber; and grandparents, Cecil and Mildred Harrison, Donald Ladig and Alice Kline.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Wray McCalester, pastor of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Kruse

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. "Bob" Kruse, 36, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kruse worked at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley.

He was born March 10, 1969, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Elizabeth (Harris) Kruse. His father survives in Fort Wayne, and his mother preceded him in death.

He married Diana Palubicki on June 10, 2000. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kaitlyn Kruse, and her mother, Tracey Fleckenstein of Angola; two daughters and one son at home, Jordan, Meghan and Derek Kruse; a sister and brother-in-law, Robyn and Neil Farmer; a niece, Rachel Farmer of Fort Wayne; a grandmother, Miriam Harris of Michigan; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Linda Palubicki of Auburn; and two sisters-in-law, Renee Palubicki of New Haven and Wendy Palubicki of Hudson.

Services will be Saturday at 7 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor John Kabes will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Glenda Shank

FORT WAYNE — Glenda J. (Days) Shank, 68, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Shank

She worked at Magnavox, now known as Raytheon, in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 2000.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and was a former member of the Fort Wayne Eagles.

Born Oct. 5, 1937, in Ashley, she was the daughter of Earl T. and Zidania N. (Days) Brindle. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Zidania and Terry Geiger of Avilla, Renee Cottier of Fort Wayne, Wendy and Jerry Dyer of Fort Wayne and Andrea Shank of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Angie Moriarity and her husband, Jerry, Jake Ryan Dyer, Justin Lee Shank, Morgan Ray Shank, Jaime Lee Cottier, Brooke Marie Dyer, Christopher Michael Dyer and Hannah Renner; three great-grandchildren, Cobin Moriarity, Alec Dyer and Bailey Dyer; and her dog of 12 years, Candi.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Joan Garver.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to ALS or Parkview Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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Lois Bennett

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Lois B. Bennett, 90, of Battle Creek died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Battle Creek Health System.

She was born Dec. 22, 1915, in Putman County, Ohio, to Jesse and Mabel (Konst) Bonecutter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Bennett, on Feb. 3, 1993.

Mrs. Bennett was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 565 and was also a member of Disabled American Veterans 7, Military Order of the Purple Heart 110, American Legion Post 54, Fraternal Order of Police and the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

She and her husband, Lew, owned and operated the L & L Grocery on Champion Street for many years and made many dear and special friends. She retired from Leila Hospital and spent her time volunteering in the area to help other people. She touched many lives in the area and is remembered as "Grandma" by many people.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Greco of Mesa, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Joyce Bennett of Hueytown, Ala.; eight grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mareta and Paul Mutzfeld of Butler, Jessta Trethric of Hudson, Fla., Annabelle and Willis Bible of Edgerton, Ohio; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Joan Bonecutter of Butler and Maurice and Dorothy Bonecutter of Auburn.

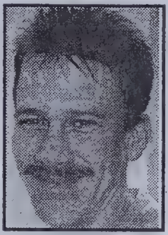
She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Bennett; and a brother, Paul Bonecutter.

Services were Wednesday at Royal Funeral Home in Battle Creek, with interment at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

David Jon Royer

FORT WAYNE — David Jon Royer, 34, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.


Mr. Royer

Mr. Royer was a steam fitter for 13 years with Local 166, working for Shambaugh & Son.

He was born March 10, 1971, in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and an avid fan of NASCAR. He enjoyed four-wheeling, golf, helping people in need and playing with his children.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa Marie Royer of Fort Wayne; three sons, Trevor Lee, Zacharie David and Alexander Eugene; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. Sweet Blanzy and Andrew Blanzy of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; a brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; two stepsisters, Jody and Diane; a stepbrother, Derek; and nieces, nephews and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet. A brother, Marc Royer, died at the same time as Mr. Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from noon-8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the David Jon Royer Family Fund.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Marc Royer

AUBURN — Marc R. Royer, 37, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Royer

Mr. Royer was a steam fitter with Local 166, working for Wagner-Meinert Inc.

He was born Nov. 15, 1968, in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Elmhurst High School and graduated magna cum laude from Ivy Tech, where he earned an associate's degree in applied science in building trade apprenticeship as a plumber and pipe fitter. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Surviving are his wife, DeAnna Royer of Auburn; three daughters, Amber Marie, Andrea Elise and Abigail Lynn; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. Sweet Blanzy and Andrew Blanzy of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; one brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; three stepsisters, Sue Koop, Jody and Diane; and one stepbrother, Derek.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet. A brother, David Jon Royer, died at the same time as Mr. Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from noon-8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to his children.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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OWI driver in fatal wreck gets 8 years

ALBION — Last Thursday, Feb. 9, a Cromwell woman was given the maximum possible sentence — eight years in prison — for her conviction for driving drunk and causing death.

The sentencing of Candy Joann Hill, 30, of Cromwell was frequently emotional as a testifying victim, people in the gallery and the defendant all wept during the proceedings.

Hill

Hill pleaded guilty Jan. 12 to operating while intoxicated causing death, a Class C felony, and two counts of operating while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury, each a Class D felony.

"From the very first time I met her, she just wanted to come in here and plead guilty," said Noble County public defender James Abbs.

Hill never asked what kind of sentence she was facing, Abbs said. "She knows she's going to suffer the consequences of her actions."

On Aug. 19, 2005, Hill attempted to medicate herself with alcohol to deal with psychological problems stemming from childhood sexual abuse and being in an abusive relationship, Abbs said.

Since Hill's husband has left her, the fate of her children is an issue, Abbs said. "The only parent these four children have at this time is Miss Hill. Her concern has always been for the victims and for her children."

Abbs suggested a mid-range sentence with some probation.

When asked if she had anything toward to say, Hill turned toward the gallery and said, her voice choking with tears, "I just want to tell them I'm so sorry. I was so stupid, and I know that I can't say anything that'll make it better for you, but I am so sorry."

After breaking down for a few moments, Hill added, "And I wish it had been me."

That was the night she drove off of Cromwell Road and struck three pedestrians, killing Travis Williams, 24, of Pierceton and severely injuring Ruby L. Rookstool of Cromwell and Heather M. Scrivens of Syracuse.

"She made a judgment, but that judgment was somewhat fogged by the depression she was going through," Abbs said. Hill stayed at the scene and attempted to aid the victims, rather than fleeing, Abbs said.

Scrivens testified Thursday and asked for the maximum sentence for Hill. She described lying in the ditch hearing her friends screaming and Williams breathing his last breaths and being unable to help because of her own injuries and the shock of the accident.

Scrivens' pelvis and tailbone were broken, her spine was fractured and a bone in her leg has been replaced with a titanium rod.

"I was in the hospital for 10 days," Scrivens said. "I didn't walk until three months after the accident." She said she is still in constant pain, and will be for the rest of her life.

As Scrivens testified, people in the gallery began to sob. Scrivens momentarily had to stop her testimony while talking about Williams and his plans to marry Rookstool.

"Because of her, there are a lot of things I won't be able to do," Scrivens said. She can't run anymore, for example. She asked for restitution for all of her hospital bills, including

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future ones related to rehabilitation.

A written statement from Rookstool was read by a probation officer. It said that, on the night of the crash, Hill rocked Rookstool back and forth, increasing both Rookstool's injuries and pain.

Rookstool was in the hospital for two weeks and a nursing home for seven weeks, the statement said. She now has metal rods and pins in both legs and scarred arms.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse asked Laur to consider the victims, who were walking along a roadside passing food and soda pop on their way home.

"They didn't ask to be in the position where they were going to be victims," he said.

As quiet sobs could again be heard in the gallery, Clouse continued. "She had an alcoholic beverage in the car with her," he said. She was so drunk she didn't even realize she had hit Williams, thinking she had only struck the two women.

"We would like a 50-year sentence," Clouse said.

However, the law will only allow an eight-year sentence for the C felony, and requires that the D felony sentences be served at the same time since they were part of the same criminal action, so he asked for the maximum of eight years.

Circuit Judge David Laur said the case was not about whether Hill was a bad mother nor a victim of molestation or abuse. "I almost never, if ever, get one of those victims seated where you're seated in an orange jumpsuit," he said.

"People ought to be able to walk down a road," he said. "They ought to be able to do that and be safe."

Saying that the crime had three victims, Laur sentenced Hill to the maximum eight years in prison, all to be served, on the C felony and three years, all served for each of the D felonies.

She was given 175 days' credit for time served. Her driver's license was suspended for four years.

Two related misdemeanor charges and a related infraction were dismissed against Hill by the Noble County Prosecutor's Office.

The Family of Trevor Roberts...

would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness during our loss of Trevor. During a time like this, it is so nice to know that so many people care. We would like you to know how just much we really appreciate every one of you. Your cards, food, flowers, prayers and friendship are a tremendous help during this time and words cannot express how thankful we are for all of you.

The Roberts Family

The Family of Patti Crumley

wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during her illness and passing.

Sincerely,
Robert Crumley, The Families of Rae Ann Reed,
Susan Wiggins and Mike Chrisman

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Dowane Alfrey

Dowane Alfrey, 66, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Alfrey

He worked as a tree surgeon for many years and then went to work for Conrail Railroad. Later in life, he opened his own business, the Alfrey Tree Service. He sold that business and opened the Alfrey Mobile Home Salvage business in Albion.

He loved playing cards and games, gardening, and his two dogs, Crickett and Taz.

Mr. Alfrey was born on May 28, 1939, in Ligonier to Allie and Laura (Gangwer) Alfrey. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Alfrey, of Albion; three sons, Robert Alfrey of Albion, Tony and Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse and Tim Alfrey of Kendallville; five daughters, Kristi Alfrey of Albion, Cindy Crawford of Fort Wayne, Jean and Jeff Coplin of Kendallville, Cheryl and Jerry Harter of Kendallville and Tina Cleveland and Heath Smith of Kendallville; a brother, Johnny Alfrey of Ligonier; two brothers-in-law, John Keister and Rusty Keister, both of Albion; four sisters, Marie and Elmer Blaine and Linda and Norman Gregory, all of Churubusco, Betty and Eddie Heath of Alabama and Norma and George DeWalt of Fremont, Ohio; a special friend, Rick Davis of Albion; a sister-in-law, Loraine "Dewey" Smith of Albion; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Tate Keister; three sisters, Midge Rockey, Velda Hancock, Pearl Slabaugh; and a brother, Robert Alfrey.

Services and calling were Tuesday, February 14 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Robert and Kristi Alfrey.

Condolences can be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Welch

William Harwood "Bill" Welch, 81, of Smalley Lake, Kimmell died at 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Welch made custom knives for many years and retired in 1989 from JB Tool Die & Engineering in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to Smalley Lake in 1994.

Mr. Welch loved fishing, family parties and pampering his cat.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an aircraft machinist's mate and radar operator from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Welch was born July 15, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harwood and Flossie L. (Blanchard) Welch. He married Lucille (Crick) Peterson in 1964 at Simpson Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy Peterson and Nancy and Joseph Freiburger Jr., all of Kimmell, Linda and Michael Bailey of Michigan City, Barbara and Ronald Cole of Evansville and Darlene Bolden of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Catherine Peterson and John and Deborah Peterson, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Mosher of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jack and Richard.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, February 17 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Vicar Jeff Springer of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday, February 17 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Wanda Widmann

LAGRANGE — Wanda B. Widmann, 88, of Fort Wayne died at 8:40 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Life Care Center in LaGrange where she had been a resident since 2001.

Mrs. Widmann

Mrs. Widmann was a homemaker and had retired in 1973 from TSC in Fort Wayne.

She was crowned Miss Fort Wayne in 1933.

Mrs. Widmann was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She was born June 1, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Frank P. and Maude D. (Mitchell) Tieman. She married William Widmann in 1951. He died in 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Betty Brayton of Rome City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Larry Schlatter of Howe and Linda and Simon Hagen of Phonix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jim Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Pallbearers will be Aaron Brayton, Mark Brayton, David Reuille, Mike Carter, Aaron Keffler and Steve Tieman.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Clothes & Food Basket in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Elmer Eyer

GOSHEN — Elmer A. Eyer, 90, of Goshen died at 12:43 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at Greencroft Health Care Center in where he had lived since 2001.

He was a farmer. He had also worked as a foreman at CTS where he was active in the union.

Mr. Eyer

Mr. Eyer was a member of Goshen First Methodist Church and the Goshen and Elkhart Moose lodges.

He was born Feb. 17, 1915, in Elkhart County to Oliver and Minnie (Lattimer) Eyer. He married Mary Anna Kindy on June 9, 1934. She died Feb. 9, 1982.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte and Fred Bunkelman and Carolyn and John Kinsey, all of Mishawaka, and Christine and Robert Nilsen of Elkhart; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Timothy Cook

HAMILTON — Timothy Michael "Tim" Cook, 56, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook was a supervisor at Eaton Corp. in Auburn. He had been employed by Eaton and its predecessor, Dana Corp., for 36 years and seven months.

He was a member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna. He attended Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Waterloo. He was a volunteer for the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization and a past soccer coach for Hamilton Community Schools. He loved his family and friends and was a very hard worker.

He was born May 5, 1949, in Kendallville. His father, Reginald Cook, preceded him in death. His mother, Helen (Mason) Cook, survives in Auburn.

He married Rebecca "Becky" Grill on Aug. 7, 1971, in Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul Christopher Cook of Avilla and William Forrest Cook and his fianceé, Shacina Hersey, of Salisbury, Mass.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Bob Shuherk of Corunna.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Clarian Transplant Emergency Fund, 550 N. University Blvd., Room 4601, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or to Zion 16 Lutheran Church of Corunna or Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Waterloo.

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Betty Jones

GARRETT — Betty J. Jones, 89, of Garrett, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at 1:20 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones had been a Garrett resident since 1948. She was a homemaker and also worked at General Electric, McCray, Creek Chub Bait Co. and Garrett High School.

She enjoyed knitting, making cracker jack and spending time with her family and friends.

She was born April 2, 1916, in Ashley, to Claude and Letha Yergin Boszor. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald N. Jones on March 13, 1948, in Kendallville. He died April 30, 1964.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Don Johnson of Ottawa, Ill., Donna Knott of Garrett and Mary Jane and Mike Nodine of Garrett; her grandchildren, Jenny Ahearn and her husband, Terry, of Ottawa, Todd Nodine and Misty Trail of Garrett, Adam Knott and his wife, Miranda, of Fort Wayne and Jessica Johnson of Ottawa, Ill.; five great-grandchildren, Bryce Nodine of Garrett, Jacob and Matthew Ahearn of Ottawa, Ill., and Kylie and Abram Knott of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Helen Campbell of Indianapolis and Georgia Basolo and her husband, Bud, of Tracy, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul "Pete" Boszor, a sister, Helen Phillips, and a great-grandson, Preston Nodine.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Miller's Merry Manor activities department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

David Karr

ANGOLA — David L. Karr, 66, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Karr was born Aug. 17, 1939, in Garrett to Ray Manfred and Rosella (Mowry) Karr. He had worked for the Indiana State Highway Department, retiring in 2003. He was a member of The Chapel and was an avid Indiana University and Chicago White Sox fan.

Surviving are two sisters, Judith Ann Vochatzer of Sun Lake, Ariz., and Linda Sue Brocker of Apple Valley, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Minear officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be Saturday from noon until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Arthritis Association, 11119 Parkview Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Elizabeth Schooley

Elizabeth Louise "Betty" Schooley, 82, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Tipton, she was a library cataloguer with Allen County Public Library and Saint Francis College for 37 years, retiring in 1990.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1941 and received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1945. She taught Latin and English for tri-state area schools and went on to earn her master's degree in library science from Saint Francis.

She was involved with Tri Kappa Sorority, Great Books Organization and religious education. She loved reading, traveling and singing in the choir at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where she was a member.

Surviving are two brothers, James Schooley of Middletown, Md., and David Schooley of Hayerstown, Md.; two sisters, Mary Beers of Greensboro, N.C., and Jane Foley of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Francis M. Hughes and Anne B. Duff; and two brothers, Robert Schooley and William T. Schooley.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

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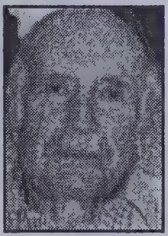
Wilbur Green

CHURUBUSCO — Wilbur T. Green, 92, died at 3:20 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Before retirement in 1972, Mr. Green was a prominent Smith Township farmer. He was a former resident of rural Churubusco. He spent all of his adult life on the same farm and was a member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.


Mr. Green

He was born May 15, 1913, in Homer, Ill., to Theodore and Anna (Oye) Green and moved with his parents to Allen County as a small boy. The family later settled near Churubusco, and he graduated from Churubusco High School in 1931.

Mr. Green married Dortha M. "Dot" Rindfusz on May 22, 1943. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 1984.

He is survived by a sister, Hazel Johnson of Churubusco, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Green was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Larry Theodore Green on Sept. 16, 1946; and a sister, Kathryn Harlan on March 27, 1973.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Ralph Easterhaus of St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lydia Miller

LAGRANGE — Lydia Mae Miller, 78, of Goshen and formerly of LaGrange died at 1:05 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at Americare Living Center in Goshen, where she had resided since 1995.

Miss Miller was born Nov. 4, 1927, in LaGrange County to Noah J. and Sarah (Hershberger) Miller. She was handicapped since birth. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Ann Yoder of LaGrange; a stepsister, Martha Miller of Topeka; a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Miller of Topeka; and many nieces and nephews.

Miss Miller was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ernest Miller; three half brothers, Mose Miller, Jacob Miller and Amos Miller; and two half sisters, Mattie Miller and Lizzie Ann Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Cornelius Graber residence, 2540 W. C.R. 350S, LaGrange. The Rev. Ervin Bontrager Jr. and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Cornelius Graber residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Agnes Welly

AUBURN — Agnes Welly, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Waterloo, she was a self-employed beautician from 1975 to 2005. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Marlene Record of Auburn; two grandchildren, Eric Record of Fort Wayne and Erin Clemons of Cumming, Ga.; and four great-grandchildren, Dyan and Ronald Record, both of Fort Wayne, and Emmy and Paige Clemons, both of Cumming, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with a graveside service Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a vigil at 8:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 19, 2006, Sunday

Former mayor remembered fondly

Family treasured Donald Sell as a fun-loving brother and uncle

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ANGOLA — At the Feb. 6 meeting of the Angola Common Council, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Nagle asked for a moment of silence to remember Donald R. Sell, who was the city's mayor from 1964-66.

Since he died on Dec. 29, his family has not only been remembering Mr. Sell as a former mayor, but also as a businessman, a protective older brother and a fun-loving uncle.

"Uncle Don was my favorite uncle growing up," Mr. Sell's nephew, Drew Hosey, said warmly. "We had a great time when we came to see him at the lake. He was a lot of fun to be around."

Drew's mother, Mary Lee, was Mr. Sell's younger sister.

"We're five-and-a-half years apart, so we didn't really do a lot of the same things," she said. "But I remember that being around him was kind of ... electric. He was always active and doing something. He was never quiet."

Mr. Sell and Mary Lee both graduated from Angola High School. Mr. Sell went into the Air Force right after high school.

"I remember when he came home on leave for the first time, he said, 'Young lady, you're going to have to learn how to handle a gun.' And he taught me. He just thought that was something everyone should know how to do."

Mr. Sell lived most of his life in Steuben County lake country, but was living in Fort Myers, Fla., when he died. Drew said he himself was raised in Plymouth, Mich., and was "a city kid," but got a quick initiation from Uncle Don and Uncle Don's kids when he came to visit.

"My cousin Tommy grabbed me by the ankles and chucked me into the lake," Drew said.

For many years, Mr. Sell owned Don's Bootery, a shoe store on Angola's Public Square.

"People still say, 'I bought all my shoes there' or 'I bought all my kids' shoes there,'" Mary Lee said.

Mr. Sell

Drew also remembers his uncle's shoe store well.

"I remember going to the bootery and learning to tie my shoes," he said.

Mr. Sell was 35 when he was Angola's mayor — the youngest in the town's history.

"He loved being the mayor," Mary Lee said. "I remember something about Fire Engine No. 5 — that he got that for Angola."

Drew said something positive that has come about as a result of his uncle's death is a reconnection with his cousins.

"It's gotten me reacquainted with my cousin Tommy (Mr. Sell's son)," he said. "We hadn't really talked in a while."

Drew said Mary Lee would like to have Mr. Sell memorialized in the city somehow.

"Mom really wants to get a street named after him, like they've done for some of the other mayors," he said.

Mr. Sell is also survived by his wife, Ann, whom he married in 1975; two other sons, Christopher and Patrick; a daughter, Deborah; and three grandchildren.

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Geraldine Pabst

FORT WAYNE — Geraldine M. Pabst, 80, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Miss Pabst was a caregiver working in the medical field for 35 years. She volunteered for the American Red Cross and Focus on Health. She attended St. Joseph United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the choir and a carebear.

Miss Pabst

She was a Western square dancer for 14 years, giving exhibitions at the Three Rivers Festival, DeKalb County Fair and many other festivals.

She was born May 21, 1925, in East Gilead Township, Branch County, Mich., to Lewis and Bernadette (Huguenard) Pabst. They preceded her in death.

Miss Pabst is survived by a sister, Normagene Eckman of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willard Pabst.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. Linda Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Margaret Marti

GARRETT — Margaret E. Marti, 74, of Garrett died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Before retiring in 1992, Mrs. Marti worked at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 20 years. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and a past member of the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary and Auburn Moose Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 21, 1931, in Auburn to Marley and Ruth (Goe) Croy.

She married Donald E. Marti in February 1950 in Kendallville. He died April 15, 1966.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rick and Sandy Marti and Ronald Marti, all of Garrett, and Randy and Dee Marti of Waterloo; a brother, Phillip Croy of Garrett; a sister, Shirley Patton of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Marti; a brother, Mark Croy; and three sisters, Martha Vogtman, Joanna Mayse and Phyllis Freeman.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information that was not provided for Saturday's edition.*

Agnes Welly

AUBURN — Agnes Welly, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a self-employed beautician from 1975 to 2005 and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was born July 6, 1915, in Waterloo to Adam and Emma (Noirot) Royal. They preceded her in death.

She married Truman Welly on July 1, 1939, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio. He died Nov. 20, 1970.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Lincoln Record of Auburn; two grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Babette Record of Fort Wayne and Erin and Charles Clemons of Cumming, Ga.; and four great-grandchildren, Dyan and Ronald Record, both of Fort Wayne, and Emmy and Paige Clemons, both of Cumming, Ga.

She was preceded in death by five sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with a graveside service Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a vigil at 8:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 20, 2006, Monday

John Yurek

FORT WAYNE — John Yurek, 54, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, in Kokomo.

Mr. Yurek was employed at Delphi in Kokomo.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and was active in Boy Scouts.

Mr. Yurek was born Jan. 23, 1952, in Hammond to John and Lucy (DeWitt) Yurek. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Also surviving are his wife, Gretchen Yurek of Fort Wayne; a son, John of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Marie, Natalie and Noelle, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Joy Yurek of Plano, Texas, and George and Patricia Yurek of Munster; a sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Robert Koszyk of Lansing, Mich.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Ruth Rittermeyer of Kendallville; two brothers-in-law, Robert Rittermeyer of LaOtto and Adam Rittermeyer and his wife, Dani, of Wolcottville; and nine nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with Father Mark Gurtner officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Anthony Wayne Council of the Boy Scouts or the American Heart Association.

Sharon Fitzcharles

EDGERTON, Ohio — Sharon K. "Cookie" Fitzcharles, 63, of Edgerton died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, shortly after she was admitted to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Service arrangements are pending with Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton.

Richard Baker

FREMONT — Richard L. Baker, 73, of Fremont died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Baker was born Feb. 23, 1932, in Fremont. He was first married to Gerallee Falka on March 11, 1955, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 10, 2002. On Dec. 28, 2004, he married Janet Hadley in Fremont, and she survives.

He was retired from Fremont Community Schools, where he was an elementary school teacher. He established Baker's Acres Farm Market in Fremont and owned the business from 1968 until 1986.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
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Suspect arrested in death of 'Busco man

FORT WAYNE — Police have arrested a 28-year-old man in the shooting death of a Churubusco man discovered Saturday night in an elementary school parking lot.

Kramer

Fort Wayne police arrested Daniel Favela for allegedly firing the bullet that killed 22-year-old Jeffrey J. Kramer Jr., according to a broadcast report from WANE-TV Channel 15.

Kramer, of rural Churubusco in Allen County, was found shot to death in a car at Northcrest Elementary School around 8 p.m. Saturday night.

Police say they believe the shooting stemmed from a domestic triangle, according to the broadcast report.

Favela is being held on a preliminary charge of aggravated battery.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Kramer are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Jerry Westrater

TOPEKA — Jerry L. Westrater, 66, of Topeka died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Westrater

Mr. Westrater was retired from the plumbing department at Coachmen Industries in Middlebury. He had moved to LaGrange County in 1971 from Anderson.

He was born Feb. 19, 1940, in Anderson to Orpha Westrater Etchison. She survives in Anderson.

He married Judy Gibbons on Nov. 27, 1965, in Anderson. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Chad Marner of Jones, Mich., and Victoria and Robbie Reed of Elkhart; a son and his companion, Travis Westrater and Karey Boyd of Union, Mich.; a sister, Sherry Hendricks of Powell, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

There will be no funeral services.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Fitzcharles

EDGERTON, Ohio — Sharon K. "Cookie" Fitzcharles, 63, of Edgerton died at 10:37 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, shortly after she was admitted to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Fitzcharles was a homemaker and an avid doll collector. She had been employed at Lectron in Hamilton, the former Universal Tool in Butler and Plastec in Edon, Ohio, and had operated Doc's Place Pizza in Hamilton.

She was born April 5, 1942, in St. Joe to James and Jessie (Roberts) Harris.

She married Vaughn L. Fitzcharles on March 1, 1979, in Coburn Corners, near St. Joe, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Chrissy Gettys of Edgerton and Robert and Kimberly Gettys of Spencerville; two stepsons and their wives, Craig and Terry Fitzcharles of Newville and Mark and Pat Fitzcharles of Butler; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Mark Hohler of Edgerton; her mother, Jessie Haifley of Angola; a sister, Anne Merritt of Waterloo; and two brothers, Dan Haifley and Jerry Haifley, both of Angola.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Dean "Large" Gettys and Tom DeWayne Gettys; her father; and two brothers, James and Michael Harris.

Services will be Friday at 7 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 21, 2006, Tuesday

James Brewer

BURR OAK, Mich. — James D. Brewer, 82, of Burr Oak died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Brewer

Mr. Brewer had resided in Burr Oak the past 15 years. Prior to that he lived in Ypsilanti, Mich., and in Kentucky.

He was a commercial home and business painter and talented automobile painter.

Mr. Brewer was a dedicated member of Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. He will be remembered as a true humanitarian and was happiest when helping others.

He enjoyed restoring antique automobiles, woodworking and spending time with his family.

Mr. Brewer was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Kentucky to Fisher and Mahalla (Sloan) Brewer. He married Corzettia May Gayheart in 1955 in Lebanon, Va. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Marvin "Joe" Walston of Burr Oak; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Kathy Brewer of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Freda Brewer of Kentucky; seven grandchildren, Robert Walston, Kenneth Walston, Shane Brewer, James Wilson, Robert Brewer, David Lewis and Amy Wallace; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Kayla Walston; two brothers, Kenneth Brewer and Buddy Brewer; and a sister, Joy Fox.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hackman-Fogleson Funeral Home, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, Mich., and after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church.

Jeffrey Kramer Jr.

CHURUBUSCO — Jeffrey J. Kramer Jr., 22, of rural Churubusco in Allen County died at 5:55 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Among his survivors are his parents, Jeffrey Sr. and Kathleen (Hall) Kramer of Churubusco.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Chururbusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lynn Johnson

COLON, Mich. — Lynn Wesley Johnson, 50, of Colon died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., from injuries he received in a logging accident on Jan. 30.

He had lived and farmed in the rural Colon area most of his life. He also had worked for Van Guard Industries of Colon and had been employed by Cronkhite Farms of Burr Oak.

Mr. Johnson had received two citizenship awards — one for saving a woman's life following a traffic accident and one for helping catch an armed robbery suspect.

He was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed attending his children's sporting events. He had worked with 4-H for many years and enjoyed attending the St. Joseph County Fair and restoring old tractors with his son, Alex.

He was born Jan. 1, 1956, in Colon to Lyle Wayne and Dona L. (Hoekzema) Johnson.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer and Chad Breneman of Burr Oak, Mich., and Amanda Johnson of Centreville, Mich.; a son, Alex, of Allegan, Mich.; his fiancee, Dina Simmons of Sturgis; three grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Cheryl and Larry Schieber of Pleasant Lake, Linda and Steve Haarer of Maceo, Ky., and Cindy and Brian Rowe of Burr Oak; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Schipper Funeral Home in Colon with David J. Farrell officiating. Burial will be in South Colon Cemetery in Colon.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
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Richard Baker

FREMONT — Richard L. Baker, 73, of Fremont died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker was born Feb. 23, 1932, in Fremont. He was first married to Gerallee Falka on March 11, 1955, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 10, 2002. On Dec. 28, 2003, he married Janet Hadley in Fremont, and she survives.

He was retired from Fremont Community Schools, where he was an elementary school teacher. He established Baker's Acres Farm Market in Fremont and owned the business from 1968 until 1986.

He was a 1950 graduate of Fremont High School and a U.S. Army veteran. He graduated from St. Francis College with a Bachelor of Science degree in education and was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Fremont Community Schools Board of Education from 1994 to 2002.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher R. and Lisa Baker of Fremont, Paul E. and Crystal Baker of Howe and Andrew L. and Cathy Baker of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela K. and W. Tracy Howe of Cary, N.C.; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Doug and Teresa Close of Indianapolis, Jonathan and Paula Close of Libertyville, Ill., and Eric Close of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, David Baker; and a sister, Florence Hammet.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Fremont United Methodist Church, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olsen officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Fremont Community Schools.

Jeffrey Kramer Jr.

CHURUBUSCO — Jeffrey J. Kramer Jr., 22, of rural Churubusco died at 5:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kramer

Mr. Kramer was a 2002 graduate of Carroll High School and attended the University of Saint Francis. He had been employed at the Walgreens drug store on Coldwater Road for the past four years.

He had lived in Fort Wayne until moving to Eel River Township in Allen County with his parents in 1996.

He was born Oct. 15, 1983, in Fort Wayne to Jeffrey J. Sr. and Kathleen M. (Hall) Kramer. They survive.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Phyllis and Kelly Childress of Tucson, Ariz.; aunts and uncles, Bill and Simone Kramer of Deerfield Beach, Fla., Patty Pangrel of Frelsburg, Texas, John and Laura Messick and Joanne and Dan Quickery, all of Fort Wayne, Robin and John Lagrand of Phoenix, Ariz., Greg and Diana Hall of Auburn and Denise and Al Hamed of Churubusco; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Margaret Hall and Jim and Margaret Kramer.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Tom Shoemaker of St. Jude's Catholic Church officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Catholic Church.

Condolence may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 22, 2006, Wednesday

Elizabeth Robinson

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth Ruth "Betty" Robinson, 83, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Ms. Robinson

Ms. Robinson retired in 1987 after 47 years of service as an insurance agent with Dean Cutshall Insurance Agency in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and its Rosary Sodality. She was a former member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church while living at Big Long Lake for 12 years.

She was born May 24, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Boyd Ralph and Bertha Marie (Grams) Robinson. She graduated in 1940 from Central Catholic High School.

Surviving are her best friend for more than 50 years, Elizabeth "Liz" Septer of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Jean Robinson of Fort Wayne; two nephews and their wives, Steven and Lulu Robinson of Blaine, Minn., and James and Angela Robinson of Fort Pierce, Fla.; four nieces, Linda Richardson of Houston, Texas, Mary and Dennis Robles of Ossian, Laura Fredrick of Angola and Diane Robinson of Fort Wayne; three great-nephews; a great-niece; and a great-great-nephew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Pallbearers will be Kent Hale, Erve Richmand, Chuck Faulstick, Louie Hyde, Paul Richardson and Dick Gordon.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Masses.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Chris Boggs

WATERLOO — Chris J. Boggs, 49, of Waterloo died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Boggs was retired.

He was born Aug. 11, 1956, in Auburn to Charles E. and Aurelia J. (Johnson) Boggs. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a brother, Charles A. Boggs of Waterloo; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine A. Boggs and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Story Lake and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; two nephews, Robert Hardy Jr. and Richard Hardy; three nieces, Crissi Griggs and her husband, Billy, Amber Graham and Angie Skelly; and four great-nephews, Nick, Seth, Lucas and Noah Griggs.

There will be no service.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Matthew 25 Clinic, 413 E. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Shirley Raybuck

MIDDLEBURY — Shirley A. Raybuck, 67, of Middlebury died at 1:43 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Raybuck

Mrs. Raybuck was employed at Syndicate and Keene Machine and M.E.I., all of Middlebury.

She had lived in Middlebury since 1970 and enjoyed playing bingo.

Mrs. Raybuck was born Aug. 25, 1938, in South Bend to George and Hattie (Botka) Chodzinski. She married William J. Raybuck on June 23, 1962, in South Bend. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and David Sharp of Goshen and Janet and Mike Ketchan of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, William J. Jr. and Tiffany Raybuck of Middlebury; a brother and sister-in-law, Julius and Mildred Walker of South Bend; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Joshua Morse; and a sister, Virginia Pope.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to Millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 22, 2006, Wednesday

Benjamin Ladig, 23

WOLF LAKE - Benjamin R. Ladig, 23, of Wolf Lake died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Ladig was a lifetime Wolf Lake resident and a tool and die maker.

He raced dirt bikes and enjoyed remote control cars and motorcycles.

Mr. Ladig was a 2000 graduate of Central Noble High School.

He was born April 1, 1982, in Columbia City to Brian K. and Kathy L. (Appleton) Ladig.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Kathy and Cecil Harrison of Albion; his father and stepmother, Brian and Jacquie Ladig of Wolf Lake; a sister and her fiance, Jessica Ladig and Jeremy Alexander of Columbia City; his stepbrothers and sisters, Carmen Harrison of Bear Lake, Jess and Crystal Harrison of South Whitley, and Andy, Nate and Alyssa Hopkins all of Wolf Lake; a brother-in-law, Mark Farber of Columbia City; his grandparents, Robert and Leila Appleton of Kimmell and Maxine Ladig of Wolf Lake; and his girlfriend, Britnie Gay.

He was preceded in death by a stepsister, Christy Farber; and grandparents, Cecil and Mildred Harrison, Donald Ladig and Alice Kline.

Services were held Saturday, February 18th at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Wray McCalester, pastor of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 23, 2006, Thursday

David Weber

KENDALLVILLE — David William Weber, 66, of Kendallville died at 1:17 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Weber

Mr. Weber was a lifetime area resident.

He had retired after more than 30 years as production manager at Eaton in Kendallville.

Mr. Weber loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed woodworking and working on small engines.

He was born March 15, 1939, in Kendallville to Archie and Florence (Hovarter) Weber. He married Lorraine A. Post on June 9, 1963, in Kendallville. She died Sept. 12, 2004. He then married Vicky Ross on Feb. 27, 2005, in Hawaii. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Valaine Ann and Jaime Vasquez of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher C. and Suzanne Weber of Kendallville, Gregory P. and Donna Weber of Wolcottville and Grant N. and Christina Weber of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Laurie and Chad Reeve of Nappanee; a stepson, Brent Schlotterback of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Ed Weber of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Michael Weber, Christopher Weber, Kaitlyn Weber, Meghan Weber, Sara Weber, Hunter Weber, Jessica Vasquez and Rachel Weber; and two stepgrandchildren, Caleb Reeve and Whitnie Reeve.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Weber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz of Faith United Methodist Church and the Rev. Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Christopher Weber, Gregory Weber, Grant Weber and Jaime Vasquez.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department First Responders or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Norma Sauerteig

INDIANAPOLIS — Norma Jeane Sauerteig, 69, of Indianapolis died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006.

Mrs. Sauerteig lived in Auburn from 1974 to 2001. She was a guidance secretary at DeKalb Central Schools from 1983 to 1989 and also was a secretary at Spectrum Engineering.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Wendy Sauerteig; three grandchildren, Tyler, Madison and Austin; and two brothers, Robert and William Rossetter.

Her husband, Frederick H. Sauerteig, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center-Broad Ripple, Indianapolis. Burial will be in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Betty Boal

GOSHEN — Betty Boal, 81, of Goshen died at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Boal

Mrs. Boal was a homemaker and had moved to the area in 1962 from Chicago.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Pigeon, Mich.

She was born Feb. 17, 1925, in Chicago to Eugene and Loretta (Appoto) Cary. She married James Arthur Boal on Oct. 21, 1944. He died Nov. 13, 1977.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Trudy and David Manderfeld and Gail and Tracey Ward, all of Shipshewana, Linda and Martin Salisbury of Goshen and Cindy Peasley and her fiance, Jim Gingerich, also of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Diane Boal of Elkhart; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Cary Jr.; and a sister, Georgina Young.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bristol with Father Robert Van Kempen officiating. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery in Elkhart.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital's Care at Home, ADEC or the Elkhart Public Library for books on tape.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 23, 2006, Thursday

Doris Evertts

HAMILTON — Doris M. Evertts, 97, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at the home of her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Joyce and Scott Fleming.

Mrs. Evertts

Mrs. Evertts loved music. She played the organ for the silent movies at the Waterloo theater. She gave piano and organ lessons for more than 40 years and played the piano and organ for many years for the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and the Hamilton Bridge Club.

She traveled extensively throughout the United States with her husband and enjoyed cooking.

She was born June 19, 1908, in Waterloo to Ford K. and Maude M. (Smith) McIntosh. She was a graduate of Waterloo High School.

She married Gerald Bruce Evertts on Feb. 12, 1927, in Waterloo. He preceded her in death in August 1982.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Bettie Evertts of Hamilton; a son-in-law, Richard Hatfield of LaCanada, Calif.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Gerald Bruce and Sheri Evertts of Metz, Joyce and Scott Fleming of Hamilton, Thomas and Danielle Evertts of Hamilton, Lisa Hatfield of Ladera Ranch, Calif., and Craig and Krisztina Hatfield of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; nine great-grandchildren, Carly and Emily Muzzy, Josh Evertts and his wife, Dorothy, T.J. Evertts and his wife, Stephanie, Adam Evertts and his wife, Tina, Andrew Evertts, Robert O'Keefe, Kathleen O'Keefe and Kylie Hatfield; four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Wilmer McIntosh of Madison Heights, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald "Jack" Evertts; a daughter, Corinne Hatfield; her parents; and five brothers, Arling, Bradford, Ned, Richard and Ronald McIntosh.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, and Saturday after 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Women, the Steuben County Cancer Society and the Emphysema Society.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.com.

Raymond Davis

BUTLER — Raymond J. Davis, 81, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis retired from General Telephone of Indiana with 25 years of service and was the owner of D&A Auto Court in Butler.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was assigned to the USS Texas as a First Class Signalman. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born May 26, 1924, in Fort Wayne, to Floyd and Edna (Bratton) Davis.

He married Iva Shepherd on Jan. 24, 1947, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Davis of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Louis Davis of Angola, Richard Davis of Biloxi, Miss., and Herman Davis of Rockville, Md.; and a sister, Retha Fry of LaGrange.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military services.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 23, 2006, Thursday

Sarah Sutton

AKRON, Ind. — Sarah Jane Sutton, 83, formerly of Akron, Ind., died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at 9:25 a.m. in Peabody Retirement Community at North Manchester.

Mrs. Sutton was a homemaker and was retired from Torx Products in Rochester.

She graduated from Gilead High School in 1939 as valedictorian of her class and received her accounting degree from Ivy Tech in Kokomo.

She served as the Akron town clerk from 1983 to 1989. She was a member of the Silver Creek Church of God and was a past treasurer of the Indiana Conference of the Church of God. She also was a member of the Friends of the Akron Public Library.

She was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Miami County to Walter Conner and Lulubelle Morris.

She married Robert Sutton on June 11, 1945, at Galesburg, Ill., He died Nov. 19, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Darcy and Paul Bell of Auburn and Jennifer and Mike Ruprecht of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen L. and Vicki Sutton of Claypool; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty Lou and George Dawald of Roann; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Morris Conner and Wayne Morris.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Silver Creek Church of God at Silver Lake. Pastor Thomas Craig and Pastor Lawrence See will officiate. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery at Chili.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron.

Memorials are to Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Terry Buckmaster

WATERLOO — Terry L. Buckmaster, 50, of Waterloo died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Buckmaster

Born in Mill Creek, Mr. Buckmaster was a bricklayer. He graduated from high school in 1973 in the top 10 of his graduating class.

Surviving are his health care representative, Karen Waldron of Logansport, and many friends.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

A graveside service will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at Westlawn Cemetery in North Liberty.

Calling will be Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Anthony 'Pete' Paxton

BRYAN, Ohio — Anthony W. "Pete" Paxton, 60, of Bryan died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Prescott, Ariz., where he had been a patient for several days.

Mr. Paxton worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 10 years before retiring in 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Gold Prospectors Association of America and was an avid hunter, fisherman, artist and woodworker.

He was born Feb. 15, 1946, in Bryan to Leland Lavon Paxton and Georgia Lenora (Woerst) Paxton.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Terry Scalf of Bryan and Angela and Steve Funk of Toledo, Ohio; a son, Tim Paxton, and his fianceé, Heather Gamble, of Edgerton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jerald Lee Smith of California and Johnny Keith Stewart of Sylvania, Ohio; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Lavon "Joe" Paxton Jr., and his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m in Krill Funeral Home, 869 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, with the Rev. Ronald McClure officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery of Bryan with graveside military rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2484 of Bryan.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are the Veterans Administration Medical Center-Hospice Care in Prescott, Ariz.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 23, 2006, Thursday

William Welch

William Harwood "Bill" Welch, 81, of Smalley Lake, Kimmell died at 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Welch made custom knives for many years and retired in 1989 from JB Tool Die & Engineering in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to Smalley Lake in 1994.

Mr. Welch loved fishing, family parties and pampering his cat.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an aircraft machinist's mate and radar operator from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Welch was born July 15, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harwood and Flossie L. (Blanchard) Welch. He married Lucille (Crick) Peterson in 1964 at Simpson Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy Peterson and Nancy and Joseph Freiburger Jr., all of Kimmell, Linda and Michael Bailey of Michigan City, Barbara and Ronald Cole of Evansville and Darlene Bolden of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Catherine Peterson and John and Deborah Peterson, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Mosher of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jack and Richard.

Services were Friday, February 17 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Vicar Jeff Springer of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com

Rodney Orin Bowman, Jr.
April 4, 2002 - March 1, 2005

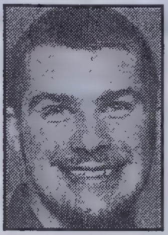
LITTLE FOOTPRINTS

How very softly
you tiptoed into my world.
Almost silently,
only a moment you stayed
But what an imprint
your footsteps have left
upon my heart.

Sadly missed.
From Momma and Papa Glant

Benjamin Ladig

Benjamin R. Ladig, 23, of Wolf Lake died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.



Mr. Ladig

Mr. Ladig was a lifetime Wolf Lake resident and a tool and die maker.

He raced dirt bikes and enjoyed remote control cars and motorcycles.

Mr. Ladig was a 2000 graduate of Central Noble High School.

He was born April 1, 1982, in Columbia City to Brian K. and Kathy L. (Appleton) Ladig.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Kathy and Cecil Harrison of Albion; his father and stepmother, Brian and Jacquie Ladig of Wolf Lake; a sister and her fiance, Jessica Ladig and Jeremy Alexander of Columbia City; his stepbrothers and sisters, Carmen Harrison of Bear Lake, Jess and Crystal Harrison of South Whitley, and Andy, Nate and Alyssa Hopkins all of Wolf Lake; a brother-in-law, Mark Farber of Columbia City; his grandparents, Robert and Leila Appleton of Kimmell and Maxine Ladig of Wolf Lake; and his girlfriend, Britnie Gay.

He was preceded in death by a stepsister, Christy Farber; and grandparents, Cecil and Mildred Harrison, Donald Ladig and Alice Kline.

Services were Saturday, February 18 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Wray McCalester, pastor of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

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February 24, 2006, Friday

CARTEAUX: *Funeral service is Monday at 10:30 a.m.*

Bob Carteaux dies at 80

AVILLA — Noble County Veterans Service Officer Robert W. "Bob" Carteaux, 80, died at 1:21 p.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a brief illness.

Earlier this year, the Noble County Commissioners formally reappointed Carteaux as the county's Veterans Service Officer.

Carteaux was a lifetime Avilla resident who devoted himself to area veterans, said Avilla American Legion Post 240 Commander Norman Rowe. "He was dedicated to the Legion," Rowe said.

Carteaux held all local Legion offices at least three times, Rowe said. "He was commander here four times." Carteaux served as commander in 1969, 1981, 2002 and 2003, Rowe said. He was the local post's service officer for over a decade.

In addition, Carteaux served as Fourth District Legion Commander from 1988 through 1989, Rowe said.

Carteaux was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Avilla, and was part of the committee that oversaw the refurbishing and renovation of the historic chapel in the St. Mary's Cemetery just north of town.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church. A rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Robert Carteaux

AVILLA — Noble County veterans service officer and lifetime Avilla resident Robert W. "Bob" Carteaux, 80, died at 1:21 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Gary Lesley Jr.

WAWAKA — Gary Eugene "Buddy" Lesley Jr., 36, of Wawaka died at 7:32 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lesley was concrete laborer. He had moved to this area in 1995 from Willits, Calif.

He was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church in Wawaka and belonged to the Elks and Moose lodges.

Mr. Lesley enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and being outdoors.

He was born May 20, 1969, in Willits to Gary Eugene Sr. and Aline (Tullos) Lesley. They are deceased. He married Elizabeth Robbins on Oct. 20, 2001, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Victoria Lesley of Sparks, Nev., and Kristin Pote of Willits; a stepson, Joshua Chyczewski of Sparks; two stepdaughters, La Tasha Perry and Amber Sroufe, both of Wawaka; a sister, Samantha Lesley of Willits; and a granddaughter, Skye Sroufe of Wawaka.

Services are pending at Anker & Lucier Mortuary in Willits.

Local services with Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, will be private.

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Emerson Bushong

CROMWELL — Emerson Bushong, 82, of Cromwell died at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mr. Bushong

Mr. Bushong was a retired dairy farmer.

He graduated in 1941 from Syracuse High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on May 6, 1944, and served on B-24 Liberators as a radarman, radioman and gunner.

Mr. Bushong was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church, where he served in various offices.

He was also a member of the West Noble American Legion Post, Wolf Lake VFW, and the 21 Repeaters Group.

Mr. Bushong enjoyed spending time with his family, Civil War history, watching sports, cutting wood, Big Band music and ham radio operations.

He was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Syracuse to Gerald and Meta (Seehawer) Bushong. He married Marjorie R. Hontz on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, at the home of the bride's parents. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel Bushong of Cromwell and Stephen Bushong of Churubusco; two daughters, Sasha Hively of Kimmell and Sharon Gerig of Angola; a brother, Merton Bushong of Lucas, Texas; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Ingrid and Brad Kohlagen of Monroe, Lukus Hively of Kimmell, Les and Amy Hively of LaGrange, Trent and Mary Gerig of Morton, Ill., Tiffany Gerig of Grand Rapids, Mich., Stefanie Bushong of Chicago, Scott and Rachel Bushong of Fort Wayne and Stacie Bushong of Bloomington; and two great-grandchildren, Kaela Gerig and Cole Hively.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Bushong.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Sunday.

Memorials are to Indian Village United Methodist Church.

Elfrida Gump

HUNTERTOWN — Elfrieda M. Gump, 77, of Huntertown died at 5:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at the Towne House Retirement Community following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gump was a homemaker.

She was a native of Fort Wayne and a graduate of Central High School.

Mrs. Gump was born Feb. 7, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Lora (Barrow) Ehmke. She married Elvin R. "Andy" Gump on Nov. 1, 1947, in Fort Wayne. The couple lived on the Gump family farm in Eel River Township following their marriage and moved to Huntertown in 1949. Mr. Gump died Oct. 8, 1990.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Rebecca Gump of Churubusco, Roger and Judy Gump and Tim and Mary Gump, all of Huntertown, and Tom and Cindy Gump of Marion; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Robert McCague of New Haven; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Norbert Ehmke and Elmer Ehmke; a sister, Velma Anderson; and a grandson, Nicholas Gump.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Robert Carteaux

AVILLA — Robert William "Bob" Carteaux, 80, of Avilla died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Carteaux

For over 20 years, Mr. Carteaux proudly served as the Noble County Veterans Service Officer and continued in that position until the time of his death. During World War II, he had served in the U.S. Air Force and received the Bronze Star five times.

A lifelong resident of Avilla, he was formerly employed by Navistar, International Harvester. He retired Nov. 30, 1983. After retirement, he served for more than 10 years as the St. Mary's Catholic Church parish custodian.

For over 50 years, Mr. Carteaux was a very active and proud member of Avilla American Legion Post No. 240, where he served as commander several times and was responsible for many of the Legion's projects. He was a member of the 40&8 organization, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the past district director of the State Legion.

He enjoyed going to different Legion posts, fishing and gardening.

Mr. Carteaux was born Nov. 10, 1925, at the family farm in Avilla to William and Alice C. (Schmenk) Carteaux. He married Velma Fischer on Aug. 25, 1951, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Sherri Carteaux of Arlington, Va.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diane and Dale Wilson of Auburn and Deb Raffel and Darlene and Todd Strock, all of Goshen; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Russell J. Carteaux of Avilla and Thomas A. Carteaux of Auburn; and a sister, Lavon V. Jansen of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Beverly J. Floyd, Teresa A. Kebart and Barbara Carteaux; and a brother, Larry J. Carteaux.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in Saint Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, with military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post No. 240.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Avilla American Legion Post No. 240 Scholarship Fund and to Masses.

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February 26, 2006, Sunday

George 'Butch' Garman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — George "Butch" Garman, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garman retired from General Motors at Defiance, Ohio. He was a member of Eagles Aerie 2556 in Hicksville, American Legion Post 223 in Hicksville, the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Bryan, Ohio, and Antwerp AmVets. He was affiliated with the West Milford Church of Christ in Hicksville.

He was born Aug. 6, 1949, in Leo. He was preceded in death by his father, John Garman, and his mother, Lois (Hoover) Murphy.

He married Linda Burley on Feb. 22, 1970. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Eicher, and her fiancé, Dennis Tucker, of Hicksville; two sons, Ed Garman and his wife, Sandy, of Bryan and John Garman and Whitney Baker of Hicksville; 12 grandchildren, Ian, Nicole, Skyler, Devon, Madison, Mikey, Skyla, Taylor, Owen, Morgan, Breanna and Alexis; a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Denise Garman of St. Joe; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty and Dave Miller of Butler and Rosemary Mabee of Fort Wayne; and his stepmother, Phyllis Garman of Skull Valley, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenny and Steve.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the West Milford Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be at the funeral home Monday from 6 to 9 p.m., with an Eagles service at 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

Lester Ritter

ANGOLA — Lester Eugene Ritter, 73, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ritter was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Pleasant Lake to Gerald and Velma Mae (Wilder) Ritter. They preceded him in death.

He was survived by two brothers, Gerald Ritter Jr. of Grabill and Max Ritter of Angola; a sister, Shirley Hamilton of Portage, Mich.; a half brother, Ron Goudy of Angola; a half sister, Vicki Bulerman of Hoagland; and lots of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Keith Duncan will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Betty Spriggs

KENDALLVILLE — Betty A. Spriggs of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Samuel Barkman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Samuel Barkman Jr., 75, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

Mr. Barkman worked as a truck drive for Hulbert & Tomlinson of Hicksville for 41 years and also for Ruan Trucking.

He was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe. He enjoyed the Hardee's Rif Raf Club, bingo, bowling and softball.

He was born Nov. 29, 1930, in Mark Center, Ohio, to Samuel Barkman Sr. and Magdalina (Plank) Barkman.

He married Joan Brinker on March 24, 1956. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Glenn Barkman of St. Joe, Paul and Linda Barkman of St. Joe and John and Deb Barkman of Hicksville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Steve Sanders of Anniston, Ala., Vera and John Ball of Fort Wayne and Rita and David Virt of Noblesville; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jane West; a son, James; a grandson and three siblings.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Dave Turpen will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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Sparkman devoted life to public safety

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — With all that he did for his family and his community, Lee Sparkman Sr. remained a very humble man.

Friends remembering Mr. Sparkman, who died on Valentine's Day, share memories about his dedication to whatever it was that he was doing, and his devotion to his family.

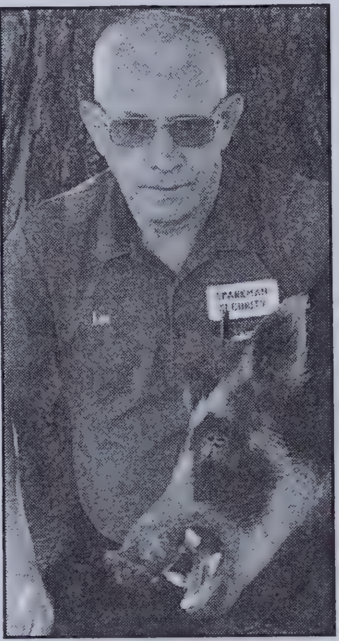
Mr. Sparkman, 73, was a native of Kentucky, and with his late wife, Zella, raised six sons. He came to Kendallville in 1950 and completed 43 years of work at Newnam Foundry.

Many learned to know Mr. Sparkman as a part-time police officer. He worked in Avilla, Rome City and Kendallville and was active in the Civil Defense.

In 1974, he was one of the first emergency medical technicians who took over April 1 of that year providing emergency medical service to county residents. Up to that time, the service was provided by area funeral homes.

"He was so dedicated to his community and to his family," said Jim Dazey of Kendallville. In recent years, following the death of Sparkman's wife in 1999, Dazey said, "I had coffee with him every Sunday morning at the Breakfast House. He was an honest man."

Mr. Sparkman also started a security business and was a justice of the peace for Wayne Township. He ran for sheriff on the Republican ticket in 1974 but was defeated by Democrat John W. Stoner.



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Lee Sparkman Sr. was proud of his trophy wild boar, shot on a hunting trip to Tennessee in the late 1980s. In addition to hunting, Mr. Sparkman was knowledgeable about all kinds of handguns. During his career he was a police officer and a candidate for Noble County Sheriff, an emergency medical technican and owner of a security company.

Four days after the Emergency Medical Service began in 1974, tornados ripped across Noble County, from Ligonier to South Milford and Stroh in LaGrange County.

Hearing of the disaster, Mr. Sparkman and his teenage son, Lee Jr., headed for A-1 Production on Leighty Road north of Kendallville, which had been leveled by the twister with 16 employees at work at their machines. According to news reports that followed, Mr. Sparkman and his son had to walk three-fourths of a mile across a muddy field to reach the factory, carrying medical supplies and oxygen with them.

Lee Jr. would follow in his father's footsteps to later join the emergency medical service. His career was cut short by a fatal traffic accident, however. Another son, James Vernon, also preceded Mr. Sparkman in death.

Mitch Fiandt, the Noble County 911 director, considered Mr. Sparkman his mentor.

"I knew him for all of the 35 years or better I have been involved in public safety," Fiandt said. "I was in high school living in Rome City when he was a part-time police officer there.

"He was one of the fairest people I have ever known, and no matter if it was in law enforcement or emergency medical services, he was a teacher," he said.

Fiandt said a lot of the training EMTs received starting in 1974 came from doctors, and Mr. Sparkman had the ability to bring complicated subjects "down to every man's level — to explain it in layman's terms," he said.

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"He taught a lot of people — a lot who are good because of his learning philosophy," he continued. "His son, Lee Jr., was one of the best paramedics I have ever known, and he learned from his dad."

Before retiring from the EMS in 2000, Mr. Sparkman devoted himself to the non-emergency transport unit.

"He liked that a lot," Fiandt said. "He had a very caring attitude for those people and the ability to talk with them. He knew what they were going through.

"I couldn't have found a better mentor," Fiandt said. "He taught me that I should never let things bother me, and if it does, I should talk it through with someone. A lot of us (in the EMS) were able to help Lee do just that, when he went through the loss of his son."

Former Kendallville Police officer Mick Newton, now director of Noble County Emergency Preparedness, said Mr. Sparkman "put his whole heart into whatever it was he was doing. He had the idea he had to do everything right, never halfway," Newton said.

"He brought so much to this community, but he also was a very dedicated family man. You could always count on Lee, no matter what," he said.

Mr. Sparkman found the time to work part-time, too, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home for the past 10 years. The funeral home was where a very large number of friends and family paid their respects before Mr. Sparkman's funeral Feb. 18 at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

"He was never one to want any glory," said Kathy Young of Berhalter-Hutchins. "He was a very humble man who would do anything and everything he was asked to do. With the rest of the community, we are going to miss him."

Betty Hicks

Mrs. Hicks

FORT WAYNE — Betty Irene Hicks, 81, of Fort Wayne died at 10:28 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hicks was a housewife when her children were young. She also worked locally as a dietitian for four years and a qualified medical assistant in Indianapolis for 12 years. Starting in 1990, she was a foster grandparent to numerous children. She was a member of the Tunker Club, serving as president from 1959-1968; the American Legion Auxiliary; and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 6, 1925, in Whitley County to Clair Elas and Bessie Irene (Lawrence) Henney. She graduated from Jefferson Center High School with the class of 1942. She married Robert Winslette Hicks on Aug. 21, 1944, in Columbus, Ga. She lived in Indianapolis from the time of her marriage until about 1945, then in Columbus, Ga., until 1948, then in Whitley County until 1978, then in Indianapolis until 1990, then in Allen County until her death. Her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elizabeth Irene Best of Tacoma, Wash., Portia A. and Kenneth Clem of Columbia City and Lydia D. and Tom Osborn; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert S. and Vivian Hicks of Columbia City; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Matthew and Ellen Henney and Lawrence and Shirla Henney, all of Columbia City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Wanda Bair of Rome City, Norma and Paul Zartman of Fort Wayne and Alice "Rusty" and Charlie Eason of Presido, Texas.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne. A second service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Vicar Jeff Spring will officiate at both services. Burial will be in Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Breast Cancer Research. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 27, 2006, Monday

Lois Poyser

KENDALLVILLE — Lois Irene Poyser, 86, of Kendallville died at 2:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Poyser

Mrs. Poyser was a lifetime Kendallville resident and a 1937 graduate of Kendallville High School.

She had worked at Trenton Garments, Dairy Queen, Kirkwood's Men's Store and G&A Restaurant in South Milford.

She was a member of a Wednesday morning Bible study group, the Over 50 Club and the Elks Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Poyser was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She was born March 30, 1919, in Kendallville to Sergie DeFord and Jeanette (Hanson) Scarlett. She married Harold J. "Shorty" Poyser on Oct. 21, 1939, in Huntington. He died Dec. 27, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Gail Marti of South Milford and Jane and Keith Kline of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Karol Poyser of Bluffton and David and Sonya Poyser of Brooklyn Center, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, Kevin Marti, Kathy Jackson, Terry Jo Godfrey, Brent Marti, Tanya Evard, Kimberli Steckbeck, Kirt Slater, Kimberly Foster, Jennifer Rollins, Michael Poyser and Uriah Poyser; and 14 great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Godfrey, Clifton Meyer, Kasie Milk, Levi Jackson, Abby Justin, Casey Evard, Patrick Steckbeck, Katie Steckbeck, Megan Slater, Kaiden Slater, Evan Foster, Allison Foster, Blake Rollins and Brooke Rollins; and a great-great-grandchild, Mackenzie Evard.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Jean Longnecker; a brother, Claire Scarlett; a son-in-law, Dick Marti; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jim Toole and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Brent Marti, Kevin Marti, Uriah Poyser, Michael Poyser, Brad Rollins and Toney Evard. Honorary pallbearers will be her great-grandsons.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Neva Palmer

KENDALLVILLE — Neva L. Palmer, 88, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Palmer

Mrs. Palmer had been a resident of Kendallville most of her life and had lived the past three years at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She had served as a secretary at J.C. Penney, East Noble School Corp. and Hymatic Manufacturing, all in Kendallville.

Mrs. Palmer was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

She was a lifetime member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 930.

Mrs. Palmer enjoyed playing euchre, knitting and working crossword puzzles. She was a longtime, loyal Chicago Cubs fan and had enjoyed traveling with her husband.

She was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Byron and Cora (Grey) Davidson. She married Chester Palmer on April 10, 1939, in Wauseon. He died May 21, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Jack Bell of Skinner Lake near Albion; two sisters, Lois Biddle and Doris Andrews, both of Wauseon; a brother, Lawrence Davidson of Wauseon; a granddaughter, Melissa Reed of Lakeland, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Palmer, in 1962; two sisters, Gladys Wentz and Alice Denn; and a brother, Dale Davidson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Sarah Fulk

LAOTTO — Sarah Lue Orcutt Fulk, 82, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at 8:41 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne, where she was admitted Feb. 2.

Mrs. Fulk was employed at General Electric and retired in the mid-1980s from Dana Corp. with 17 years of service.

Reared in West Etna Baptist Church, she was a former member of Troy Methodist Church and was attending Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

She was born Jan. 27, 1924, in Whitley County to Clyde O. and Maude Belle (Pentecost) Miller. She spent her formative years in Etna Troy Township. She attended 10 years at Etna School and graduated from North Webster High School.

On Nov. 11, 1944, she married Gerald O. Orcutt. They made their home on a farm in Troy Township. Mr. Orcutt died April 12, 1969.

She married Jesse Howard Fulk on Nov. 26, 1982. They have made their home on a farm near LaOtto in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Marcia Orcutt of Columbia City and Lynn and Linda Orcutt of Larwill; three stepchildren and their spouses, Beverly and Duane Rowe of Witmer Lake, Marilyn and Robert Wiant of Adams Lake and Jesse "Eugene" Sam and Sharon Fulk of Golden Lake; two grandchildren and a spouse, Tammy and Paul Roberts and Roy Alan Orcutt; nine stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, 13 stepgreat-grandchildren and a stepgreat-great grandchild; a brother, Basil Miller of Etna Troy Township; and a sister, Martha Hartley of Marion.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jesse Allison Miller and Byron Miller, and a sister, Geneva Wilson.

Violet Mills

GARRETT — Violet R. Mills, 94, of Garrett died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006 at 3:03 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Mills helped her husband in their grocery store on South Cowen Street in Garrett. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 22, 1911, in Garrett to Lynde A. and Rosetta A. (Helms) Murphy. They preceded her in death.

She married John Mills in February 1939 in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 3, 1971.

She is survived by many friends and neighbors.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Jim Lilley of the First Church of Christ in Garrett will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Department or the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Services will be Thursay at 10:30 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Pastors Curtiss Johnson and Brad Hardesty will officiate. Burial will be in West Etna Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth of Christ of Northeast Indiana in Auburn, West Etna Community Church or the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Lucille Zimmerman

PLEASANT LAKE — Lucille Zimmerman, 92, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at the home of her daughter in Pleasant Lake, where she had lived for the last several years.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born Oct. 10, 1913, north of Pioneer, Ohio, to Mervin E. and Mattie (Keller) Dick. She married John Zimmerman on Aug. 9, 1930, and he preceded her in death on July 7, 1992.

She was a homemaker and also owned and operated Lucy's Shop, where she made artificial flower arrangements for all occasions.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Phillip Zabst of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Merve E. and Alice Dick of Pioneer; three granddaughters, Kathy Heckathorne of Montpelier, Ohio, Carol Balser of Angola and Janet Fox of Edon, Ohio; three stepgrandchildren, Wendy Zabst, Laurie Jackson and Phil Zabst Jr.; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Thompson Funeral Home, Pioneer, with E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of Steuben County.

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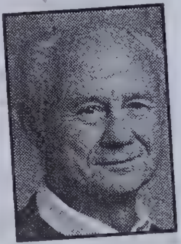
John Moran Sr.

FORT WAYNE — John C. Moran Sr., 88, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in Fort Myers, Fla.



Mr. Moran

Born in Garrett, he was a past member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Post 381 of the American Legion in Rome City.

He served in the U.S. Army as a rifle marksman and retired from City Utilities after 29 years as a supervisor in water pollution control maintenance.

Surviving are his wife, Peggye; a daughter and son-in-law, Judie and Steve Rose of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Moran Jr. of Fort Wayne and Stephen and Donna Moran of Wolcottville; two stepdaughters and a spouse, Vicki and Don Swanson and Kim Foster of Cape Coral, Fla.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Dean McComb, Kelly and Steven Campbell, John Moran III and Joellen Moran of Fort Wayne, Amanda Miller of Auburn and Kent and Christie Moran of Pendleton; stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Lindsey, Aaron and Justin Swanson, Cindy Friend and Tim Stauffer, and Beth and Dennis Tapp of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters, Anna Weikart of Fort Wayne and Joan Hixson of Garrett; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; several nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Chelsea.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois Moran, and two sisters, Florence Didion and Helen White.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Father Emmanuel Chikezie will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Hope Hospice House of 9479 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Spriggs

KENDALLVILLE — Betty A. Spriggs, 60, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Spriggs was a member of True Church of God in South Milford.

She enjoyed working with all kinds of crafts, tending to her flower beds and caring for her vegetable garden each year.

Mrs. Spriggs was born Oct. 2, 1945, in Gunlock, Ky., to Silas and Ida (Smith) Shepherd. She married Robert Spriggs on March 27, 1967, in Gunlock. He survives.

Also surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Johnny and Grace Shepherd of Gunlock and Claude and Wanda Shepherd of South Milford; and nieces and nephews, Claudette and Lawrence Shepherd of Wolcottville, Melissa Shepherd of Angola, Tracey and Barb Spriggs of South Milford, Tina and James Patrick of South Milford and Dana and Larry Nagel of South Milford.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Thelma Shepherd and Wanda Wireman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Sam Sawyer, the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Glenn Patrick officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Sarah Fulk

LAOTTO — Sarah Lue Orcutt Fulk, 82, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at 8:41 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne, where she was admitted Feb. 2.

Mrs. Fulk was employed at General Electric and retired in the mid-1980s from Dana Corp. with 17 years of service.

Reared in West Etna Baptist Church, she was a former member of Troy Methodist Church and was attending Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Fulk

She was born Jan. 27, 1924, in Whitley County to Clyde O. and Maude Belle (Pentecost) Miller. She spent her formative years in Etna Troy Township. She attended 10 years at Etna School and graduated from North Webster High School.

On Nov. 11, 1944, she married Gerald O. Orcutt. They made their home on a farm in Troy Township. Mr. Orcutt died April 12, 1969.

She married Jesse Howard Fulk on Nov. 26, 1982. They have made their home on a farm near LaOtto in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Marcia Orcutt of Columbia City and Lynn and Linda Orcutt of Larwill; three stepchildren and their spouses, Beverly and Duane Rowe of Witmer Lake, Marilyn and Robert Wiant of Adams Lake and Jesse "Eugene" Sam and Sharon Fulk of Golden Lake; two grandchildren and a spouse, Tammy and Paul Roberts and Roy Alan Orcutt; nine stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, 13 stepgreat-grandchildren and a stepgreat-great grandchild; a brother, Basil Miller of Etna Troy Township; and a sister, Martha Hartley of Marion.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jesse Allison Miller and Byron Miller, and a sister, Geneva Wilson.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Pastors Curtiss Johnson and Brad Hardesty will officiate. Burial will be in West Etna Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth of Christ of Northeast Indiana in Auburn, West Etna Community Church or the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Beverly Orewiler

AUBURN — Beverly "June" Orewiler, 77, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Orewiler was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Sturgis, Mich., to George and Mary Pauline (Grandstaff) Nusbaum. She was married to Keith Raymond Orewiler on March 17, 1949, and he survives.

She worked at the Hamburger Shop just north of Public Square in Angola, and also at the Trout Club in Fremont and Tom's Donuts in Angola. She was well-known for her homemade soups and sandwiches that Tom's Donuts offered customers.

She lived in Angola from 1954 to 1994, when she and her husband moved to Auburn to be closer to their daughter and son.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and John Liechty of Auburn; two sons, Larry Orewiler and his fiancee Lori Knight of Auburn and Dean Orewiler and his fiancee Diane Avery of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Arri and Ian Orewiler, both of Rome City, and James Orewiler of Wisconsin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Charles Kimmel

LAOTTO — Charles J. "Chuck" Kimmel, 58, of rural LaOtto and owner of Kimmel Realty in Avilla died unexpectedly at 9:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Corzettia Brewer

BURR OAK, Mich. — Corzettia Mae Brewer, 68, of Burr Oak died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital in Battle Creek.

She was born Oct. 26, 1937, in Dony, Ky., to Barth and Bell (Alley) Gayheart. On June 4, 1955, she married James Brewer in Lebanon, Va. He died Feb. 19, 2006.

Mrs. Brewer

Mrs. Brewer had resided in Burr Oak since 1995, coming from Phoenix, Ariz.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking. She was a member of Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church.

Her greatest joy was time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Marvin "Joe" Walston of Burr Oak; a son and daughter-in-law, James Douglas and Kathy Brewer of Butler, Ind.; three brothers, Alvin Gayheart of Shelbyville, Ind., Delbert Gayheart of Beach Grove, Ind., and Dan Gayheart of Troy, Ohio; two sisters, Ruby Gayheart of Covington, Ky., and Dixie Herby of Prairieville, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Robert Walston, Kenneth Walston, Shane Douglas Brewer, James Douglas Wilson, Robert Donald Brewer, David Lewis and Amy Wallace; 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kayla Walston; seven brothers, Vester, Chester, Green, Jack, Theron, Reford and Morg; and six sisters, Bell, Millie, Martha, Annie, Omy, Ocie and Ruth.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak, Mich.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis, Mich., and after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Select Specialty Hospital, Att: David Gehringer, 300 North Ave., 6th Floor, Battle Creek, MI 49016.

Darlene Hitchcock

KENDALLVILLE — Darlene S. Hitchcock, 53, of Kendallville died at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She had been employed by Rogers Electric as a receptionist for eight years and retired in 2005.

She was a member of Heartland Community Church.

A native of Fort Wayne, she was born July 15, 1952, to Louis E. and Jean L. (Sandys) Hitchcock.

Surviving are a sister, Gayle Stranm of Kendallville; and three brothers, David E. Hitchcock, Robert A. Hitchcock and Danny L. Hitchcock.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Heartland Community Church.

Tammie Uhrick

FORT WAYNE — Tammie Jayne Uhrick, 45, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, April Hadley and Tracy and Matt West, all of Fort Wayne; one son, George Uhrick Jr., of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters; her mother, Bonnie Zent of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vickie and James Hernandez, Terri and Kurt Lahmeyer and Patti and John Churchill, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Mark and Kathy Gibson of Auburn and Vincent Gibson Jr. of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Michael Zent of Woodburn; and grandmother Bernice Lunnemeier of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her father, Lloyd Zent; and two brothers, Scott and Kelly Gibson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Arnold Piering officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Alice Funk

LAGRANGE — Alice Funk, 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Funk was a homemaker and operated her own cleaning service. She had also worked at Ivers-Lee in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Funk

She had moved to LaGrange County in 1945 from Wisconsin.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Topeka.

Mrs. Funk was born June 3, 1926, in Olwein, Iowa, to Jacob and Lizziean (Coblentz) Miller. She married Walton I. Funk on June 1, 1952, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marolyn and James Sheffield of LaGrange, Carolyn and Kenneth Melanson of Palm City, Fla., Linda and Thomas Hines of Wawaka and Lauri Eash of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis L. and Nancy Funk of Greer, S.C.; a sister and brother-in-law, Annie and Ervin Miller of LaGrange; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Robert Wyman and the Rev. Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Red Cross.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Greg Chupp

MIDDLEBURY — Greg D. Chupp, 16, of Middlebury died at 3:19 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at the scene of a one-car accident near Middlebury.

He was a sophomore at Northridge High School and worked Saturdays at Northridge Health and Fitness in Middlebury.

He played baseball, basketball and football for Northridge High School and played several years in the Middlebury Little League. He loved music and playing video games.

Greg Chupp

A native of Goshen, he was born Aug. 14, 1989, to Gary and Kelly (Chrusciel) Chupp. His mother survives in Middlebury and his father survives in Elkhart.

Also surviving are a sister, Alyse Chupp of Middlebury; his grandparents, John Chrusciel and his fiancee, Theodora Prieto, of Valparaiso, Marlin and Drifty Chupp of Topeka and Janet and Skip Schribner of Elkhart; his great-grandparents, Harry Celmer of Chicago and Rachelle Phillips of Goshen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Of Life Fellowship Church in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Greg Chupp Memorial Fund in care of First State Bank in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Scott Henry

RIDGE FARM, Ill. — Scott Douglas Henry, 31, of Ridge Farm and formerly of Syracuse, Ind., died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, from injuries he sustained in a fall from the top of a cellular telephone tower in Fountain County near Veedersburg, Ind.

He died of blunt force trauma from the 150- to 175-foot fall.

Mr. Henry had moved to Ridge Farm six months ago from Syracuse. He had formerly worked on towers in Indianapolis and for Emergency Radio Services in Ligonier.

He loved spending time outdoors and with his family and friends.

Mr. Henry was a member of Chrisman Christian Church in Chrisman, Ill.

He was born July 9, 1974, in Danville, Ill., to Jack and Nila Henry. They survive.

He married Misty Calbeck on Oct. 21, 2001, in Syracuse. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Blaise Ryan Henry, at home; a stepdaughter, Jacelyn Calbeck, at home; a stepson, Justin Blair, at home; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kristie Ruppe and Kellie and Tom Will, all of Chrisman; and a niece, Ashton Ruppe of Chrisman.

Services were held Feb. 25 at Chrisman Christian Church with Brother Kenney Bass officiating. Burial was in Hoult Cemetery.

Krabel Funeral Home in Chrisman was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family for his son's college education. They may be sent to Misty Henry, 1387 N. C.R. 1800E, Ridge Farm, Ill. 61870.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 1, 2006, Wednesday

Longtime PH ag teacher Ned Stump dies at age 67

LAGRANGE — Former longtime Prairie Heights agriculture teacher Ned H. Stump, 67, of LaGrange died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Stump

Mr. Stump retired from Prairie Heights School Corp. in 2000 after 37 years of service, which included serving as manager of the 230-acre school farm for 34 years and 30 years as head of the school's agriculture department.

He held bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University and had taken courses at Indiana University South Bend, Ball State University and the University of Illinois.

Mr. Stump was a member of the Apostolic Temple Church in South Bend where he was a Sunday school teacher and member of the church's orchestra and choir.

He was active in the community, holding memberships with the Stroh Lions Club, LaGrange County Red Cross, LaGrange County Gideons, Prairie Heights Country Carvers, Prairie Heights Young Farmers, Purdue Ag Alumni, LaGrange County Farm Bureau and Prairie Heights FFA Alumni.

Mr. Stump was involved with or had served on the board of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, LaGrange County 4-H Club Association, LaGrange County Plan Commission, LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals, LaGrange County Cooperative Extension Board, Oliver Lake Conservation Camp, Prairie Heights FFA, Prairie Heights Heritage Festival, and served as the District 111 FFA Horse Drawn Wagon Train coordinator in 1976 and as a state fair project judge for 31 years.

His professional accomplishments included serving as president of the Prairie Heights Classroom Teachers Association, FFA National Convention delegate adviser and on the Indiana FFA Foundation Board of Directors. He was a member of the ISTA, NEA, Indiana Vocational Association, Indiana Vocational Teachers Association, National Vocational Ag Teachers Association, American Vocational Association, EEAL-Environmental Education Association of Indiana, Water Watchers of Indiana and the National Agriculture Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

In 1973, he was named LaGrange Citizen of the Year and in 1975 he received the state Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year award. He was named the state Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year in 1983 and the state Vocational Teacher of the Year in 1986. In 1990 he received the Proven Site Teacher of Teachers award and in 1997 he received the Prairie Heights Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Stump was born March 30, 1938, in Kendallville to Raymond and Mary Kathrine (Mohnesmith) Stump. They are deceased.

He married Nancy Bovee on May 23, 1959, in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Crystal and Robert Leu and Becky and Randy Younce, all of LaGrange, and Kathrine and George VanDerslice of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Nathan Stump and his fiancee, Xiao Son, of Winston-Salem, N.C., Scott and Denise Stump of Stoneham, Colo., and Kurt and Wendy Stump of Shipshewana; four brothers, Kenneth Stump of Albion, Tom Stump of Garrett and Dan and Kevin Stump, both of Wolf Lake; a sister, Sue Emerson of Rome City; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh with the Rev. Paul Rose officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Gideons or the Ned Stump Scholarship Fund in care of Farmers State Bank, 220 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Longtime ag teacher Ned Stump, 67, dies

LAGRANGE — Retired Prairie Heights agriculture teacher and former LaGrange County Citizen of the Year Ned H. Stump, 67, of LaGrange died Tuesday at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Stump

Mr. Stump had retired in 2000 after 37 years of service, which included serving as manager of the 230-acre school farm for 34 years and 30 years as head of the school's agriculture department.

Mr. Stump was an active member of the Apostolic Temple Church in South Bend and in the community serving on many boards and holding memberships in many organizations.

In 1973, he was named LaGrange Citizen of the Year and in 1975 he received the state Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year award. He was named the state Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year in 1983 and the state Vocational Teacher of the Year in 1986. In 1990 he received the Proven Site Teacher of Teachers award and in 1997 he received the Prairie Heights Teacher of the Year award.

A complete obituary for Mr. Stump appears on Page A4.

Garnet Billman

COLUMBIA CITY — Garnet L. Billman, 76, of Columbia City died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Billman had lived at Big Lake since 1969. Prior to that she had lived in the Montpelier and Hartford City areas.

She was born July 2, 1929, in Wells County to Marion and Mae (Mutall) Gray. She married Bernard F. Ellison on March 1, 1947. He died June 30, 1975. She then married Guy Melvin Billman on Aug. 30, 1985. He died May 25, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret Young of Hartford City and Deborah Young of Smalley Lake; two sons, Randall Ellison and Jerry Ellison, both of Albion; six grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy J. Macy; two brothers, Merle Gray and Marvin Gray; and three sisters, Evelyn Kimmell, Romain Fear and Ardith Able.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas with Pastor Jeff Hipley officiating.

Memorials are to the funeral expenses at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Helen Shoudel

FORT WAYNE — Helen L. Shoudel, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shoudel was a buyer for L.S. Ayres for 33 years before retiring in 1975. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 24, 1915, in Lucerne, Ind., to John L. and Grace (Burgess) Money. They preceded her in death.

She married Carl W. Shoudel Sr. on Aug. 26, 1966, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter, Helen J. Brown of Woodburn; a stepson, Carl W. Shoudel Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Ruth Hertel of California; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lawrence L. Dreyer.

A gathering of friends and family will take place Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A celebration of life memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Thomas Eggold officiating.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Edith Schemahorn

LAGRANGE — Edith I. Schemahorn, 100, of LaGrange died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Schemahorn

Mrs. Schemahorn had spent most of her life in LaGrange County.

She had worked at Freeman Manufacturing in Sturgis, Mich., for 33 years.

Mrs. Schemahorn was a member of a garden club, a book club, the Keenagers Bible Study Group, LaGrange Business and Professional Women, and the Teenagers Singing Group.

She was crowned senior queen for the LaGrange Council on Aging and was a district representative for senior citizens in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Schemahorn was a member of Howe United Methodist Church.

She was born April 28, 1905, in Churubusco to John and Charlotte (Cramer) Hanlon. She married Clyde E. Schemahorn on Oct. 28, 1924, in Centreville, Mich. He died May 29, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Mingus of Sturgis, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Merlin L. "Bud" and Barbara Schemahorn of Wolcottville, Ernie and Mary Schemahorn of Sturgis and Phillip R. and Sharyn Schemahorn of Mishawaka; nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six sisters; three brothers; a granddaughter, Julie Schemahorn in 1977; and a great-granddaughter, Carrie Schemahorn in 2002.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Senior Center.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Charles Kimmel

LAOTTO — Charles J. "Chuck" Kimmel, 58, of rural LaOtto died at 9:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Kimmel

Mr. Kimmel had lived in the Avilla and LaOtto area for more than 50 years. He was the owner and operator of Kimmel Realty in Avilla and a licensed broker and Realtor.

He had also retired from General Electric after 33 years of service.

Mr. Kimmel served in the United States Army as a military police officer during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Kimmel was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Realtors Association and the Northeast Indiana Realtors Association.

Mr. Kimmel enjoyed watching his sons play sports, working in his garage, summer holidays at the lake and spending time with his family.

He was born Aug. 28, 1947, in Spencerville to Charles R. and Mildred (Gose) Kimmel. They were killed in a traffic accident on Feb. 13, 2001.

He married Patricia Lynn Schlegel on Aug. 1, 1970, at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Shawn Charles Kimmel of Royal Center and Shannon Dean Kimmel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Cheryl Hilliard of Churubusco; three sisters-in-law, Sandra Schlegel, Cheryl (Alva) Foster and Kathy Gillman; and two nieces, Tammie Metz and Nikki King.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at LaOtto Wesleyan Church in LaOtto with Pastor Tyler Ward officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside services conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church or the LaOtto Little League program.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ora Gisel

KENDALLVILLE — Ora Leonard Gisel, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Gisel

For more than 20 years, he was part-owner of Wm. Gisel & Son, a heating, spouting and sheet metal business in Kendallville. He then was a sales representative for Somico of Coldwater, Mich., Wayne Pipe and Supply Co. of Fort Wayne, and Schaab Metal Products of Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Kendallville to William L. and Blanche A. (Rasey) Gisel.

In 1939, he graduated from Kendallville High School, where he was active in the band and Thespians.

On Aug. 5, 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and he served with the 250th Coastal Artillery at Fort Greeley, Kodiak and the island of Shemya in Alaska as a radar operator. He was a life member of the Sergeants Club of Fort Greeley.

Mr. Gisel married Ida Josephine Wacknitz on Aug. 22, 1944, in Huntington. After his discharge from the service on Nov. 8, 1945, he returned to Kendallville and worked for Elmer Seagley. With his father, he went into the business that carried the family name in 1948.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Masonic Lodge 276. He also was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent and trustee. He sang in the church choir.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoEllen and Robert Sprankle of Tempe, Ariz., and Cathy Sue and David Lee of Saline, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, William "Bill" and Christine Gisel and Tommy Lee and Darlene Gisel, all of Kendallville; seven granddaughters, Beth Ann Meier of New York, N.Y., Laura Miller of Auburn, Tara Jo Sprankle of Tempe, Ariz., Amy Reyes of Queencreek, Ariz., Cyndi Lee and Crysta Lee of Saline, Mich., and Rachel Gisel of Kendallville; four grandsons, Andrew Gisel of Kendallville, Matthew Gisel of Wawaka, Ty Sprankle of Tempe, Ariz., and Daniel Lee of Saline, Mich.; two stepgrandsons, Sgt. David Hamann of Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Ronald Hamann of Kendallville; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ida, in 2003; and a son, Charles Edward Gisel, in 1970.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole and Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2- 4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the Faith United Methodist Church. A Masonic service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Gisel, Matthew Gisel, Shannan Miller, Daniel Lee, Shea Seidel, Jon Meier and Sgt. David Hamann.

Memorials are to the church.

Sheila Peacock

WATERLOO — Sheila Castator Campbell Peacock, 56, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Peacock

She was a former employee of Kraft Foods in Kendallville and Dana Epic in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 16, 1950, in Auburn to Robert Castator and Carroll Wade Castator. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Waterloo.

She married Forrest L. Peacock in Auburn on March 31, 1996, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica (Campbell) and Brett Boyd of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wade and Beverly Castator of Waterloo and Raymond and Tonya Castator of Ashley; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bobbie and Mike Yoss of Fort Wayne, Valerie Wilson of Ashley and Anne and Dana Treesh of Garrett; 23 nieces and nephews; and three grandchildren, Blake, Bo and Brook Boyd.

She was preceded in death by a niece.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6- 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Carroll Castator.

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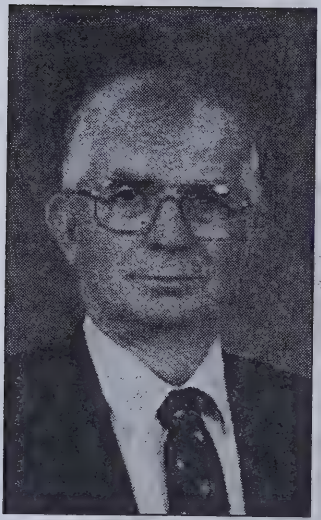

Emerson Bushong, 82

CROMWELL – Emerson Bushong, 82, of Cromwell died at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mr. Bushong was a retired dairy farmer.

He graduated in 1941 from Syracuse High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on May 6, 1944, and served on B-24 Liberators as a radarman, radioman and gunner.

Mr. Bushong was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church where he served in various offices.

He was also a member of the West Noble American Legion Post, Wolf Lake VFW, and the 21 Repeaters Group.

Mr. Bushong enjoyed spending time with his family, Civil War history, watching sports, cutting wood, Big Band music and ham radio operations.

He was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Syracuse to Gerald and Meta (Seehawer) Bushong. He married Marjorie R. Hontz on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944 at the home of the bride's parents. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel Bushong of Cromwell and Stephen Bushong of Churubusco; two daughters, Sasha Hively of Kimmell and Sharon Gerig of Angola; a brother, Merton Bushong of Lucas, Texas; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Ingrid and Brad Kohlagen of Monroe, Lukus Hively of Kimmell, Les and Amy Hively of LaGrange, Trent and Mary Gerig of Morton, Ill., Tiffany Gerig of Grand Rapids, Mich., Stefanie Bushong of Chicago, Scott and Rachel Bushong of Fort Wayne and Stacie Bushong of Bloomington; and two great-grandchildren, Kaela Gerig and Cole Hively.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Bushong.

Services were held Sunday, February 26, 2006, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Indian Village United Methodist Church.

Alice Funk, 79

LAGRANGE – Alice Funk, 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Funk was a homemaker and operated her own cleaning service. She had also worked at Ivers-Lee in Shipshewana.

She had moved to LaGrange County in 1945 from Wisconsin.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Topeka.

Mrs. Funk was born June 3, 1926, in Olwein, Iowa, to Jacob and Lizziean (Coblentz) Miller. She married Walton I. Funk on June 1, 1952, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marolyn and James Sheffield of LaGrange, Carolyn and Kenneth Melanson of Palm City, Fla., Linda and Thomas Hines of Wawaka and Lauri Eash of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis L. and Nancy Funk of Greer, S.C.; a sister and brother-in-law, Annie and Ervin Miller of LaGrange; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild.

Services were held Thursday, March 2nd, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Robert Wyman and the Rev. Emerald Joe Miller officiated. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Red Cross.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Carteaux, 80

Avilla – Robert William "Bob" Carteaux, 80, of Avilla, died Thursday, February 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born a son of William and Alice C. (Schmenk) Carteaux on November 10, 1922 at the family farm in Avilla.

On August 25, 1951, he was married to Velma (Fischer) Carteaux at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives.

Mr. Carteaux served in the United States Air Force during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star five times.

He had been employed by Navistar, International Harvester, retiring on November 30, 1983. He served as the Noble County Veterans Service Officer, a post that he had proudly served in for over 20 years. After his retirement from Harvester, he served as the Saint Mary's Catholic Church Parrish custodian for 10 years.

Mr. Carteaux was a very active and very proud member of the Avilla American Legion Post #240 and served as commander several times. He was responsible for many of the projects the legion took part in and had been a member for over 50 years. He was a member of the 40&8 Organization and the Knights of Columbus. He was also the Past District 4 Commander of the State Legion. He enjoyed going to different Legion Posts, fishing, and gardening.

In addition to his wife Velma, Mr. Carteaux is also survived by one son, William (Sherri) Carteaux of Arlington, VA; three daughters, Diane (Dale) Wilson of Auburn, Deb Raffel of Goshen, and Darlene (Todd) Strock of Goshen; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Russell J. Carteaux of Avilla and Thomas A. Carteaux of Auburn; and one sister, Mrs. Lavon V. Jansen of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Beverly J. Floyd, Teresa A. Kebart and Barbara Carteaux; and one brother, Larry J. Carteaux.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, February 27, 2006, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Military graveside services were conducted by the Avilla American Legion Post #240. Burial was in Saint Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

For those who wish, memorials are to the Avilla American Legion Post #240 Scholarship Fund and to the Church Masses.

Garnet L. Billman, 76

COLUMBIA CITY - Garnet L. Billman, a resident of Columbia City, died Monday afternoon, February 27, 2006 at her home.

She was born July 2, 1929 in Jackson Township, Wells County, a daughter of Marion and Mae (Mutall) Gray. Her formative years were spent in the Montpelier and Hartford City areas.

On March 1, 1947, she was united in marriage to Bernard F. Ellison. In 1969 they moved to their home at Big Lake. Mr. Ellison died June 30, 1975.

On August 30, 1985 she was united in marriage to Guy Melvin Billman. They always made their home at Big Lake. Mr. Billman died May 25, 1989.

Surviving relatives include four children, Margaret Young of Harford City, Randall Ellison and Jerry Ellison, both of Albion and Deborah Young of Smalley Lake; six grandchildren; and two great granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by a duaghter, Kathy J. Macy; two brothers, Merle Gray and Marvin Gray; and three sisters, Evelyn Kimmell, Romain Fear and Ardith Able.

The graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 3, 2006 at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas with Pastor Jeff Hipley officiating. There will be no public visitation.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the final expense account at Smith & Sons Funeral Home.

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Neva Palmer, 88

KENDALLVILLE - Neva L. Palmer, 88, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Palmer had been a resident of Kendallville most of her life and had lived the past three years at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She had served as a secretary at J.C. Penney, East Noble School Corp., and Hymatic Manufacturing, all in Kendallville.

Mrs. Palmer was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

She was a lifetime member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 930.

Mrs. Palmer enjoyed playing euchre, knitting and working crossword puzzles. She was a longtime, loyal Chicago Cubs fan and had enjoyed traveling with her husband.

She was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Byron and Cora (Grey) Davidson. She married Chester Palmer on April 10, 1939, in Wauseon. He died May 21, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Jack Bell of Skinner Lake near Albion; two sisters, Lois Biddle and Doris Andrews, both of Wauseon; a brother, Lawrence Davidson of Wauseon; a granddaughter, Melissa Reed of Lakeland, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Palmer, in 1962; two sisters, Gladys Wentz and Alice Denn; and a brother, Dale Davidson.

Services were Tuesday, February 28 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler officiated. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ray C. Shroyer

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God has you in his keeping – I have you in my heart forever.

Ann

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Lois Poyser, 86

KENDALLVILLE - Lois Irene Poyser, 86, of Kendallville died at 2:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Poyser was a lifetime Kendallville resident and a 1937 graduate of Kendallville High School.

She had worked at Trenton Garments, Dairy Queen, Kirkwood's Men's Store and G&A Restaurant in South Milford.

She was a member of a Wednesday morning Bible study group, the Over 50 Club and the Elks Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Poyser was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She was born March 30, 1919, in Kendallville to Sergie DeFord and Jeanette (Hanson) Scarlett. She married Harold J. "Shorty" Poyser on Oct. 21, 1939, in Huntington. He died Dec. 27, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Gail Marti of South Milford and Jane and Keith Kline of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Karol Poyser of Bluffton and David and Sonya Poyser of Brooklyn Center, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, Kevin Marti, Kathy Jackson, Terry Jo Godfrey, Brent Marti, Tanya Evard, Kimberli Steckbeck, Kirt Slater, Kimberly Foster, Jennifer Rollins, Michael Poyser and Uriah Poyser; and 14 great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Godfrey, Clifton Meyer, Kasie Milk, Levi Jackson, Abby Justin, Casey Evard, Patrick Steckbeck, Katie Steckbeck, Megan Slater, Kaiden Slater, Evan Foster, Allison Foster, Blake Rollins and Brooke Rollins; and a great-great-grandchild, Mackenzie Evard.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Jean Longnecker; a brother, Claire Scarlett; a son-in-law, Dick Marti; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Toole and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiated.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Brent Marti, Kevin Marti, Uriah Poyser, Michael Poyser, Brad Rollins and Toney Evard. Honorary pallbearers will be her great-grandsons.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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March 2, 2006, Thursday

Officials still waiting for toxicology results in woman's death

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — Authorities are waiting for test results to be completed to determine how a Kendallville woman died.

The body of Sandra Benson-Warrix, 48, of the 1100 block of West Waits Road, was discovered by police performing a welfare check on Feb. 14. According to police and Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff, Benson-Warrix had been dead several days before being discovered.

Decomposition of the body has made finding a cause difficult for investigators. According to Gaff, there were no obvious signs of trauma to the body, but the extent of decomposition made it impossible to rule out a criminal death.

"We're still waiting on the toxicology," Noble County Sheriff's Department Detective Sgt. Shawn Dunafin said this morning. "When the toxicology comes back we'll have an idea which direction to go."

Gaff said this morning, "We expect (results) sometime in the next two weeks."

Police were still unsure this morning what role — if any — a man found at the scene had in Benson-Warrix's death. The man was uncooperative with police and was eventually taken to the Northeastern Center Inpatient Services facility in Auburn on a 72-hour commitment.

The man remains in a mental health facility, Dunafin confirmed this morning. Dunafin declined to name the facility.

Dunafin said the man is not considered a suspect in Benson-Warrix's death at this point in the investigation, but he would like to interview the man once the man is competent enough to do so "to see if he has any information."

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Becky Wilson

HAMILTON — Becky Jo Wilson, 51, of Hamilton died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Miss Wilson

Miss Wilson was born March 2, 1954, in Angola to Naomi (Cole) and Marlin Wilson.

She was employed at Plastec in Edon, Ohio, and was a member of Metz Christian Church in Metz. She was a former 4-H member.

Surviving are a brother, James L. Wilson of Metz; a special friend, Shirley Somerlott of Metz; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Phil Whisler officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Roger Bracht

TASWELL — Roger Bracht, 68, of Taswell died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at his home from injuries he received when a tree fell on him.

Mr. Bracht was retired as a machine operator for Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Hillview Christian Church.

Mr. Bracht was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born Aug. 27, 1937, in Wells County to the late Irvin and Inez (Myers) Bracht. He married Florence Alday on Dec. 31, 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Scott Bracht and Steve Bracht, both of Bluffton, and John James of Noblesville; two daughters, Tammy Miller of Louisville, Ky., and Julie Swisher of Bluffton; a brother, Richard Bracht of Wilmington, Ohio; two sisters, Becky Dirig of Wolcottville and Barbara Ginter of Lakeland, Fla.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at Hillview Christian Church in English, Ind., with the Rev. Richard Bracht Jr. and the Rev. Bobby Kelly officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Denbo Funeral Home, S.R. 64, English, and after 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

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Leora Mathews

KENDALLVILLE — Leora B. "Lee" Mathews, 77, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Mathews

Mrs. Mathews had moved to the area in November 2004. Prior to that she had lived in Fort Wayne and Texas.

She had been a bookkeeper for many years.

Mrs. Mathews was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and its Lydia Circle.

She was a volunteer at the Bargain Shop and involved in Council on Aging activities.

She was born Oct. 9, 1928, in Hudson, Mich., to Otto and Georgia (Fisher) Boyer.

Her husband, Royal "Bill" Mathews, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, G. David Laur of Kendallville; a daughter, Barbara Meyer of Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren, Benjamin Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Timothy Laur, Elizabeth Henderson and Ashley Laur; and one great-grandson, Evan Meyer.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

A gathering of friends will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Miller

LAGRANGE — Barbara Miller, 87, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She had moved to LaGrange County in 1937 from Iowa.

She was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

She was born April 16, 1918, in Reno County, Kan., to John W. and Elizabeth (Miller) Miller. She married Freeman S. Miller on Jan. 29, 1939, in LaGrange. He died July 16, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Freeman Weaver of New Paris; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald R. and Linda Miller of Montpelier, Ohio, and DeWayne E. and Norma Miller of LaGrange; two sisters, Ruby Stopher of LaGrange and Darlene Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Guy Miller of Sarasota and Paul Miller of Sturgis, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Brent Eash and the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Emerson Bushong

Emerson Bushong, 82, of Cromwell died at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mr. Bushong

Mr. Bushong was a retired dairy farmer.

He graduated in 1941 from Syracuse High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on May 6, 1944, and served on B-24 Liberators as a radarman, radioman and gunner.

Mr. Bushong was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church, where he served in various offices. He was also a member of the West Noble American Legion Post, Wolf Lake VFW, and the 21 Repeaters Group.

Mr. Bushong enjoyed spending time with his family, Civil War history, watching sports, cutting wood, Big Band music and ham radio operations.

He was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Syracuse to Gerald and Meta (Seehawer) Bushong. He married Marjorie R. Hontz on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, at the home of the bride's parents. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel Bushong of Cromwell and Stephen Bushong of Churubusco; two daughters, Sasha Hively of Kimmell and Sharon Gerig of Angola; a brother, Merton Bushong of Lucas, Texas; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Ingrid and Brad Kohlagen of Monroe, Lukus Hively of Kimmell, Les and Amy Hively of LaGrange, Trent and Mary Gerig of Morton, Ill., Tiffany Gerig of Grand Rapids, Mich., Stefanie Bushong of Chicago, Scott and Rachel Bushong of Fort Wayne and Stacie Bushong of Bloomington; and two great-grandchildren, Kaela Gerig and Cole Hively.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Bushong.

Services were Sunday, February 26 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Indian Village United Methodist Church.

Gary Lesley Jr.

Gary Eugene "Buddy" Lesley Jr., 36, of Wawaka died at 7:32 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lesley was concrete laborer. He had moved to this area in 1995 from Willits, Calif.

He was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church in Wawaka and belonged to the Elks and Moose lodges.

Mr. Lesley enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and being outdoors.

He was born May 20, 1969, in Willits to Gary Eugene Sr. and Aline (Tullos) Lesley. They are deceased. He married Elizabeth Robbins on Oct. 20, 2001, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Victoria Lesley of Sparks, Nev., and Kristin Pote of Willits; a stepson, Joshua Chyczewski of Sparks; two stepdaughters, La Tasha Perry and Amber Sroufe, both of Wawaka; a sister, Samantha Lesley of Willits; and a granddaughter, Skye Sroufe of Wawaka.

Services are pending at Anker & Lucier Mortuary in Willits.

Local services with Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, will be private.

Scott Henry

Scott Douglas Henry, 31, of Ridge Farm and formerly of Syracuse, Ind., died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, from injuries he sustained in a fall from the top of a cellular telephone tower in Fountain County near Veedersburg, Ind.

He died of blunt force trauma from the 150- to 175-foot fall.

Mr. Henry had moved to Ridge Farm six months ago from Syracuse. He had formerly worked on towers in Indianapolis and for Emergency Radio Services in Ligonier.

He loved spending time outdoors and with his family and friends.

Mr. Henry was a member of Chrisman Christian Church in Chrisman, Ill.

He was born July 9, 1974, in Danville, Ill., to Jack and Nila Henry. They survive.

He married Misty Calbeck on Oct. 21, 2001, in Syracuse. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Blaise Ryan Henry, at home; a stepdaughter, Jacelyn Calbeck, at home; a stepson, Justin Blair, at home; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kristie Ruppe and Kellie and Tom Will, all of Chrisman; and a niece, Ashton Ruppe of Chrisman.

Services were held Saturday, February 25 at Chrisman Christian Church with Brother Kenney Bass officiating. Burial was in Hoult Cemetery.

Krabel Funeral Home in Chrisman was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family for his son's college education. They may be sent to Misty Henry, 1387 N. C.R. 1800E, Ridge Farm, Ill. 61870.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Ned Stump

Former longtime Prairie Heights agriculture teacher Ned H. Stump, 67, of LaGrange died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Stump

Mr. Stump retired from Prairie Heights School Corp. in 2000 after 37 years of service, which included serving as manager of the 230-acre school farm for 34 years and 30 years as head of the school's agriculture department.

He held bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University and had taken courses at Indiana University South Bend, Ball State University and the University of Illinois.

Mr. Stump was a member of the Apostolic Temple Church in South Bend where he was a Sunday school teacher and member of the church's orchestra and choir.

He was active in the community, holding memberships with the Stroh Lions Club, LaGrange County Red Cross, LaGrange County Gideons, Prairie Heights Country Carvers, Prairie Heights Young Farmers, Purdue Ag Alumni, LaGrange County Farm Bureau and Prairie Heights FFA Alumni.

Mr. Stump was involved with or had served on the board of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, LaGrange County 4-H Club Association, LaGrange County Plan Commission, LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals, LaGrange County Cooperative Extension Board, Oliver Lake Conservation Camp, Prairie Heights FFA, Prairie Heights Heritage Festival, and served as the District 111 FFA Horse Drawn Wagon Train coordinator in 1976 and as a state fair project judge for 31 years.

His professional accomplishments included serving as president of the Prairie Heights Classroom Teachers Association, FFA National Convention delegate adviser and on the Indiana FFA Foundation Board of Directors. He was a member of the ISTA, NEA, Indiana Vocational Association, Indiana Vocational Teachers Association, National Vocational Ag Teachers Association, American Vocational Association, EEAL-Environmental Education Association of Indiana, Water Watchers of Indiana and the National Agriculture Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

In 1973, he was named LaGrange Citizen of the Year and in 1975 he received the state Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year award. He was named the state Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year in 1983 and the state Vocational Teacher of the Year in 1986. In 1990 he received the Proven Site Teacher of Teachers award and in 1997 he received the Prairie Heights Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Stump was born March 30, 1938, in Kendallville to Raymond and Mary Kathrine (Mohnesmith) Stump. They are deceased.

He married Nancy Bovee on May 23, 1959, in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Crystal and Robert Leu and Becky and Randy Younce, all of LaGrange, and Kathrine and George VanDerslice of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Nathan Stump and his fiancee, Xiao Son, of Winston-Salem, N.C., Scott and Denise Stump of Stoneham, Colo., and Kurt and Wendy Stump of Shipshewana; four brothers, Kenneth Stump of Albion, Tom Stump of Garrett and Dan and Kevin Stump, both of Wolf Lake; a sister, Sue Emerson of Rome City; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 3 at Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh with the Rev. Paul Rose officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. today, Thursday, March 2 at the church.

Memorials are to the Gideons or the Ned Stump Scholarship Fund in care of Farmers State Bank, 220 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Ora Gisel

Ora Leonard Gisel, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

For more than 20 years, he was part-owner of Wm. Gisel & Son, a heating, spouting and sheet metal business in Kendallville. He then was a sales representative for Somico of Coldwater, Mich., Wayne Pipe and Supply Co. of Fort Wayne, and Schaab Metal Products of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gisel

He was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Kendallville to William L. and Blanche A (Rasey) Gisel.

In 1939, he graduated from Kendallville High School, where he was active in the band and Thespians.

On Aug. 5, 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and he served with the 250th Coastal Artillery at Fort Greeley, Kodiak and the island of Shemya in Alaska as a radar operator. He was a life member of the Sergeants Club of Fort Greeley.

Mr. Gisel married Ida Josephine Wacknitz on Aug. 22, 1944, in Huntington. After his discharge from the service on Nov. 8, 1945, he returned to Kendallville and worked for Elmer Seagley. With his father, he went into the business that carried the family name in 1948.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Masonic Lodge 276. He also was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent and trustee. He sang in the church choir.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoEllen and Robert Sprankle of Tempe, Ariz., and Cathy Sue and David Lee of Saline, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, William "Bill" and Christine Gisel and Tommy Lee and Darlene Gisel, all of Kendallville; seven granddaughters, Beth Ann Meier of New York, N.Y., Laura Miller of Auburn, Tara Jo Sprankle of Tempe, Ariz., Amy Reyes of Queencreek, Ariz., Cyndi Lee and Crysta Lee of Saline, Mich., and Rachel Gisel of Kendallville; four grandsons, Andrew Gisel of Kendallville, Matthew Gisel of Wawaka, Ty Sprankle of Tempe, Ariz., and Daniel Lee of Saline, Mich.; two stepgrandsons, Sgt. David Hamann of Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Ronald Hamann of Kendallville; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ida, in 2003; and a son, Charles Edward Gisel, in 1970.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3 in Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole and Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2- 4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, March 2 at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 3 at the Faith United Methodist Church. A Masonic service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Gisel, Matthew Gisel, Shannan Miller, Daniel Lee, Shea Seidel, Jon Meier and Sgt. David Hamann.

Memorials are to the church.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 2, 2006, Thursday

Teen charged with killing his mom

WARSAW — Tyler S. Smith, 19, of Cromwell, was charged on Thursday, Feb. 23, with murder after he allegedly stabbed his mother to death with what police described as a sword-type weapon.

At 10:53 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department deputies were called to 11304 N Enchanted Forest Lane, Cromwell, to investigate a report of a possible stabbing.

When officers arrived they found a male subject outside and a male inside the residence.

The body of Rene Smith, 53, same address, was found in a chair in the living room. She had been stabbed multiple times in the chest area, according to a Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department news release.

Smith was pronounced dead at the scene by Kosciusko County Coroner John Sadler.

Rome Smith, Rene Smith's husband, told police his son and wife had been arguing all evening. He told police he walked into the living room to see his son stab his wife.

Tyler Smith was booked into the Kosciusko County Jail on a preliminary charge of murder.

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Charles Dull Sr.

HAMILTON — Charles L. Dull Sr., 76, of Hamilton died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 9:55 a.m. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dull served as Butler's police chief for 10 years and as the Hamilton town marshal. He also served in the military in the early 1950s.

He was born Jan. 6, 1930, in Butler to Waldo Ned Dull and Gertrude (Madden) Dull. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Lynette Clark on May 26, 1953, in Angola. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles L. Dull Jr. of Hamilton, Patrick Dull and his friend, Roxanne Sites, of Hamilton and Shane Dull of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Jeremy, Kimberly and Timothy Dull, all of Hamilton; and three great-grandchildren, Nautica, Draven and Zane Dull of Hamilton.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dale Rabineau will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

Peggy Gorman

GARRETT — Peggy Gorman, 68, of Garrett died today, March 3, 2006, at 3 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Service arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Myrtle 'Marie' Clark

GARRETT — Myrtle "Marie" Clark, 94, of Garrett died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 4:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Fort Wayne.

Service arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Connie Sue Cline

PRINCETON, W. Va. — Connie Sue Cline, 55, of Quail Valley Estates, Princeton, and formerly of Auburn, died early Wednesday morning, March 1, 2006, at Princeton Community Hospital.

Born Aug.17, 1950, at War Eagle, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Edna Scarberry New. She was educated in Gilbert.

Mrs. Cline and her husband, Howard, moved to Auburn, where they spent 13 years as owners and operators of Cline Trucking Co. They moved back to the Princeton area a short time ago.

While living in Auburn, she was an active member of Calvary Chapel Church. Upon her return to West Virginia, she had been attending First Assembly of God in Princeton.

She was a devoted wife, mother and loving grandmother.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, Howard William Cline Jr.; four daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Cline of Princeton, Malinda Cline Lester and her husband, Sean, of Bluefield, W. Va., Tonya Nichols of Garrett and April Cline at home; an adopted son, Michael Kasales of Knoxville, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Erika Young, Nicholas and Emily Lester, Carley Grace Gess and Austin William Garrison; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Diana New of Fort Meade Fla.; six sisters and a brother-in-law, Shirley Robinette of Princeton, Betty Justice of Bluefield, Frieda and Bill Brant of Bluewell, W. Va., Jo Ellen New of Princeton, Debbie New of Bassett, Va., and Lucille Cline of Gilbert, W. Va.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Earl New.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory in Princeton with Pastor James Wiley officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens at Princeton.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation Center on Athens Road in Princeton.

Condolences may be posted online at www.memorialfd.com.

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Laura Chapman

FORT WAYNE — Laura Sailor Chapman, 55, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chapman was born May 30, 1950, in Mishawaka to Darold and Marjorie (Leslie) Sailor. She was a dispatcher with Comcast in Fort Wayne and attended Northside Church of Christ.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Mark Wright of Greensprings, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Angela Chapman of Flatrock, Ohio, and Donald and Katherine Chapman of Sandusky, Ohio; six grandchildren, Jamie, Jody, Page, Taylor, Shelby and Gabi; her parents in Fort Wayne; two sisters, Sandra Barrett of Fort Wayne and Manda DeRosa of Mishawaka; a brother, Roger Sailor of Sharpsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Terry Carter officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Vyvn Martin

WEBBERVILLE, Mich. — Vyvn Dale Ragle Martin, 89, of Webberville, Mich., died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006.

Mrs. Martin retired from Food Services MSU in 1978 and moved to Barton City, Mich., where she and her husband enjoyed retirement for 21 years. She returned to Webberville to be closer to family in 1999.

She enjoyed activities with the senior groups in Williamston and Fowlerville. She was an avid card player and enjoyed sharing her Mardi Gras beads with friends of all ages.

She was born Oct. 9, 1916, in Spencer in Owen County, Ind.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Martin of Nevada and Marty and George Snyder of Louisiana; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Cee Martin of Webberville, Marvin Owen and Marguerite Martin of Webberville and John and Beth Martin of Alabama; 10 grandchildren, including grandson Kelly Martin of Garrett; 23 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years and one grandson.

Calling will be Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at 220 Pine, Webberville.

Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 205 Middle St., Williamston, Mich., is handling arrangements.

Harry Scott Jr.

HOWE — Harry Scott Jr., 87, of Howe died Thursday, March 2, 2006, in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Scott had been the head meat cutter for Kroger Corp. in Dearborn, Mich., for many years.

He had moved to Howe in 2004 from Southgate, Mich.

Mr. Scott was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215, Southgate Senior Citizens Group and Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Jan. 10, 1919, in Wellaton, Ohio, to Harry Sr. and Nora (Jewell) Scott. He married Marguerita Vicchio on Sept. 6, 1941, in Melvindale, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Charles J. and Harriet Renaud Jr. of LaSalle, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Harry Scott III and Dr. Rosemarie Scott of Howe; a sister, Pauline Kalisz of Emily City, Mich.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers.

Military graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Riverside Cemetery with Father Mark Weaver officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are Masses to St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Nettie Mullet

TOPEKA — Nettie "Jakie Nettie" Mullet, 89, of Topeka died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the Mel Mullet residence.

Mrs. Mullet was a homemaker and seamstress who had been making men's suits since she was 18.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 25, 1916, in Reno County, Kan., to Sam S. "River" and Sarah (Petersheim) Miller. She married Jacob Mullet on Jan. 14, 1937, in Kansas. He is deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Irene Mullet of Topeka and Merle and Verna Mullet of Ft. Lupton, Colo.; five daughters and sons-in-law, Katie and Melvin Yoder of Chouteau, Okla., Verna and Orla Miller and Mary and Dave Yoder, all of Topeka, Sara and Nelson Shrock of Berrian Springs, Mich., and Polly and Perry Miller of Shipshewana; two brothers and sisters, Levi and Betty Miller of Haven, Kan., and Sam and Edna Miller of Chouteau; a sister and brother-in-law, Edna and Melvin Yoder of Chouteau; 38 grandchildren; and 81 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six sisters, Anna Keim, Katie Schrock, Fannie Bontrager, Clara Bontrager, Mary Bontrager and Sarah Mullet; four brothers, Jacob, Dan, Fred and Eddie Miller; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the John Eash residence on Nature Trail with John Eash and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Pallbearers will be Danny Raber, Gerald Yoder, Freeman Gingerich and Harley Yoder.

Calling will be after 2:30 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the Dave Yoder residence, 219 Nature Trail in Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct the location of calling.*

Leora Mathews

KENDALLVILLE — Leora B. "Lee" Mathews, 77, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Mathews

Mrs. Mathews had moved to the area in November 2004. Prior to that she had lived in Fort Wayne and Texas.

She had been a bookkeeper for many years.

Mrs. Mathews was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and its Lydia Circle.

She was a volunteer at the Bargain Shop and involved in Council on Aging activities.

She was born Oct. 9, 1928, in Hudson, Mich., to Otto and Georgia (Fisher) Boyer.

Her husband, Royal "Bill" Mathews, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, G. David Laur of Kendallville; a daughter, Barbara Meyer of Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren, Benjamin Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Timothy Laur, Elizabeth Henderson and Ashley Laur; and one great-grandson, Evan Meyer.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

A gathering of friends will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Dirr

CHURUBUSCO — Donald R. Dirr, 72, died Feb. 25, 2006, at 12:45 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dirr was employed at Plibrico for 45 years as a brick mason, retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Nine Mile United Methodist Church and the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen.

He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Bremerton Heavy Cruiser CA130 and was a member of the U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailor's Association.

He was born Oct. 11, 1933, in Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Annabelle L. (Hughes) Dirr; two sons and daughters-in-law, W. Brian and Sheryl Dirr and Brett E. and Renee Dirr; four sisters, Laverne Tubbs, Mabel Musall, Clara Jennings of Butler and Betty Lewis; and two grandchildren, Hayden and Avery Dirr.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ora, Melvin, Sylvester, Ray and Kenneth, and two sisters, Ruth Dirr and Opal Kunsman.

Services were conducted Wednesday in Nine Mile United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, handled arrangements.

John 'Bob' McCarthy

WATERLOO — John Robert "Bob" McCarthy, 62, of Waterloo died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. McCarthy was a truck driver for U.S. Express and England Trucking.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from Aug. 12, 1964, to May 28, 1968. He attended the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 2, 1943, in Lockport, N.Y., to Robert W. and Arlene (Dohring) McCarthy. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Day McCarthy of Virginia; a sister, Mary Ellen Muzzillo of Auburn; his stepmother, Hilda McCarthy of Auburn; a niece, Adina M. Houser of Auburn; two nephews, Alan R. Winebrenner of Auburn and Scott P. Winebrenner of Garrett; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Peggy Gorman

AVILLA — Peggy J. Gorman, 68, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at 3 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Gorman had lived in Garrett for the past 48 years. She worked at General Electric's aircraft division in Fort Wayne, retiring in July 1995.

She was a member of the Garrett Eagles and the Red Hat Society.

She was born May 10, 1937, in Francesville to Alvin and Mildred (Swing) Boehning. Her mother survives in Francesville.

On May 2, 1953, she married Donald Michael. He died in March 1989.

She married Franklin "Skip" Gorman in November 1994. He died in September 1997.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Ramona Michael of Corunna and Brian and DoSun Michael of Tacoma, Wash.; two sisters, Mil Darnell of Lafayette and Sherry Bowers of Coldwater, Mich.; three grandsons, Benjamin Michael of Bowling Green, Ohio, Andrew Michael of Auburn and Nathan Michael of Tacoma, Wash.; two granddaughters, Emily Michael of Corunna and Katelyn Michael of Tacoma, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren, Jade and Hunter Michael of Auburn.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her father; a son, Ricky Michael; and a daughter, Teri Ann Michael.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Dora Bell

FREMONT — Dora H. Bell, 84, of Fremont and formerly of Birmingham, Mich., died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Before retirement in 1984, Mrs. Bell was employed at Hon-Hart Midnight Black in Troy, Mich., for 24 years. She enjoyed Sunday dinners with her family and camping at the old homestead lake. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing and making clothes.

Mrs. Bell

She was born July 4, 1921, in Delta, Ohio, to Otis and Bessy (Bell) Lathrop. She married Clair C. Bell on Nov. 4, 1936, in Seward, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1987.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and John Proctor of Fremont and Brenda and Gary Perkett of Centerline, Mich.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronnie Bell and Raymon Bell, both of Fremont, and Robin and Liz Bell of Hazel Park, Mich.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Betty Bell; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 5 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Amboy Cemetery in Metamora, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the family.

James Crider

LIGONIER — James T. Crider, 58, of Ligonier died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Avalon Village.

A Ligonier resident since 1962, Mr. Crider was a self-employed construction contractor. He was a member of Millersburg Church of Christ. He enjoyed woodworking.

Mr. Crider

He was one of the longest-living double transplant patients in the state. He had survived for over 17 years following his transplants.

Mr. Crider was born June 21, 1947, in Dorchester, Va., to Paul and Helen (Klein) Crider.

He is survived by his mother in Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Brenda Crider of Goshen and Phillip and Ruby Crider of Ligonier; a sister, Paulette and David Wallace of Edinburgh, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Marie Bailey.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Revs. Fred Walls and Craig Fritchley will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Nettie Mullet

TOPEKA — Nettie "Jakie Nettie" Mullet, 89, of Topeka died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the Mel Mullet residence.

Mrs. Mullet was a homemaker and seamstress who had been making men's suits since she was 18.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 25, 1916, in Reno County, Kan., to Sam S. "River" and Sarah (Petersheim) Miller. She married Jacob Mullet on Jan. 14, 1937, in Kansas. He is deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Irene Mullet of Topeka and Merle and Verna Mullet of Fort Lupton, Colo.; five daughters and sons-in-law, Katie and Melvin Yoder of Chouteau, Okla., Vera and Orla Miller and Mary and Dave Yoder, all of Topeka, Sara and Nelson Shrock of Berrian Springs, Mich., and Polly and Perry Miller of Shipshewana; two brothers and sisters, Levi and Betty Miller of Haven, Kan., and Sam and Edna Miller of Chouteau; a sister and brother-in-law, Edna and Melvin Yoder of Chouteau; 38 grandchildren; and 81 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six sisters, Anna Keim, Katie Schrock, Fannie Bontrager, Clara Bontrager, Mary Bontrager and Sarah Mullet; four brothers, Jacob, Dan, Fred and Eddie Miller; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the John Eash residence on Nature Trail with John Eash and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka. Pallbearers will be Danny Raber, Gerald Yoder, Freeman Gingerich and Harley Yoder.

Calling will be all day today at the Dave Yoder residence, 219 Nature Trail in Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Mildred Anderson

HOWE — Mildred L. Anderson, 86, of Howe died Friday, March 3, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson was a homemaker and an artist. She founded Anderson Service Center with her husband and son Charles in 1973.

She was born Oct. 4, 1919, in Howe to William and Leah (Light) Swihart. She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County, growing up on the Swihart family farm, which was homesteaded from the government in 1874. Every family member was a graduate of Brighton High School.

Mrs. Anderson married Charles H. Anderson on Oct. 13, 1937, in South Bend. He preceded her in death on May 26, 1997.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Larene and Nate Garlets of Cadillac, Mich., Joan and Jene Quirin of Frankenmuth, Mich., and Patricia Miller of Cincinnati; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles W. and Katy Anderson of Howe; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Roberta McClain of Beaver Dam, Ohio, Mary Lou Pfenning of Howe and Janet Ryman of Goshen; and a brother, Maurice Swihart of Howe.

Mrs. Anderson was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Edward A. Anderson on Aug. 10, 1991; and a brother, Louis Swihart.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Dwight Kauffman will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Brighton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

To send condolences or sign the guestbook, visit www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Jack Frymier

DENVER — Jack Rimmell Frymier, 80, of Denver and formerly of Albion died at 5 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2006, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Larry Asher

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — Larry Asher, 50, of Homosassa, Fla., died Monday Feb. 27, 2006, at his home.

He was born March 23, 1955, in LaGrange.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1973 as an honor student.

Surviving are his sister, Lorraine Sarzynski of Hanceville, Ala.; a brother Willam Asher of Fremont; a stepbrother, Charles Laws of Avilla; and stepsister, Teryl Franks of Phoenix, Ariz.

There will be no calling.

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Harold Northup

KENDALLVILLE — Harold A. Northup, 87, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Northup

Before retirement in the late 1970s, Mr. Northup was self-employed, sold brushes and industrial supplies for Harper Brushes of Fairfield, Iowa, and sold real estate part time for Hosler Realty in Kendallville. He was a resident of Kendallville for almost 50 years, was a member of the Church of God and enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He was born Oct. 8, 1918, in LaGrange to Clyde and Berniece (Randol) Northup. He graduated from Mongo High School in 1936. He married Kathryn Elizabeth Asbury on April 27, 1940. She preceded him in death in 2003.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Lee Northup of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Ron Neuenschwander of Fort Wayne; a brother, Kenneth Northup of LaGrange; two sisters, Kathryn Wilder of Helmer and Wilma Stores of Auburn; a half brother, Floyd Northup of Pleasant Lake; a half sister, Linda Howdyshell of Hudson; a granddaughter, Angie Northup of Minneapolis; three grandsons, the Rev. Wayne Northup of Minneapolis, Jeff Neuenschwander of Tulsa, Okla., and Greg Neuenschwander of Marion; and a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth "Libby" Angela Northup of Minneapolis.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Garold and Roger Northup; and a sister, Mildred Myers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Don Williams of First Assembly of God, Fort Wayne, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

To send condolences, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Myrtle 'Marie' Clark

GARRETT — Myrtle "Marie" Clark, 94, of Garrett died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 4:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Clark

She was an assembly worker at Raymond Burtch Printing for five years and worked in the attendance office at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett for 11 years.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star for 57 years. She had been a Garrett resident since 1950.

She was born May 14, 1911, in Beaverton, Mich., to Clarence S. and Lenora (Ayres) Killian. They preceded her in death.

She married Hubert A. Clark on Oct. 6, 1929, in Auburn. He died in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Lou Klemm of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry D. Clark of Bunker Hill, Ind.; two grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; and a sister, Bernice Sechler of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Killian, and two sisters, Arlene Hurni and Olive Snyder.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, between Hicksville, Ohio, and Harlan, Wednesday at noon.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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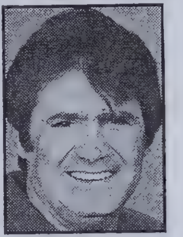
Joseph Adkins

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph Lowell Adkins, 64, of Wolcottville died at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2006, at his home.


Mr. Adkins

Mr. Adkins moved to the area in the 1960s from Kentucky. He worked at United Technologies in the Topeka until 1985. He was an avid NASCAR and boxing fan and enjoyed listening to Waylon Jennings. He was a member of Independent Baptist Church, South Milford.

He was born Jan. 29, 1942, in Pikeville, Ky., to Guy and Hazel (Hall) Adkins. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Adkins is survived by his companion, Dollie Adkins of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Dottie and John Geiger of Albion; two granddaughters, Jessica Jones of Columbia City and Whitney Weber of Albion; two great-grandchildren, McKenlee and Mason Jones; a sister, Alice Thompson of West Virginia; and three brothers, Eddie Adkins of West Virginia, Roy Adkins of San Diego and Asher Adkins of Terre Haute.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Guy Adkins Jr., Donnie Adkins and Jim Adkins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Casketbearers will be John Geiger, Joshua Jones, James Roberts, Joe Roberts, Kyle Roberts, Matt Roberts and Jerry Elser.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

To send condolences, visit www.hutchinsfuneralhome.con

Diana Dearing

AUBURN — Diana Dearing, 60, died at 10:23 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Dearing worked for Pinkerton Security and had lived in the community since 1965.

She was born Dec. 9, 1945, in Arcade, N.Y., to Richard and Pearl (Brock) Dearing. They preceded her in death.

Miss Dearing is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neil Dennis and Carol Dearing of Eagle, N.Y., and Paul and Carrie Dearing of Pomona, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Allen Grissom of Fort Worth, Texas; and a friend, Mary Ahr of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

There will be no calling.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William Pitcher

KENDALLVILLE — William David Pitcher, 52, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Pitcher was employed at Mossburg Industries in Garrett and had also worked as plant supervisor at T.D. Shea in Kendallville for about 12 years. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kendallville, where he was a minister. He loved to work on old cars and was in the process of building a T-Bucket Roadster from scratch. He also loved fishing and gardening.

He was born April 30, 1953, in Franklin to Willy and Vennie Elizabeth (Fox) Pitcher. He graduated from Indian Creek High School in 1971. He married Debra Jeanine Hewitt on Dec. 28, 1985. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Pitcher is also survived by his mother in Morgantown, a daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Lindell Starr of Albion; a son, Eric Pitcher of Morgantown; three granddaughters, Rheannon, Calista and Madison Starr, all of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rick and Cathy Pitcher and Raymond and Vicki Pitcher, all of Morgantown; and three sisters, Karen Pitcher and Cindy Rose, both of Martinsville, and Elizabeth Smith of Morgantown.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 106 W. Miller Road, Kendallville. Elder Bruce Edwards will officiate.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To send condolences, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Patricia Burd

ANGOLA — Patricia M. Burd, 68, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Burd was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. She and her husband had moved to Angola from Woodbridge, Va.

She was born March 25, 1937, in Cleveland to Richard M. and Rosemary (Sunderhaus) Sharp. She married Eugene P. Burd on May 9, 1959, in Cleveland. He survives in Angola.

Mrs. Burd is also survived by four sons, Michael A. Burd of Fairfield, Ohio, Christopher P. Burd of Angola, Robert S. Burd of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Jeffery D. Burd of Gurnee, Ill.; a daughter, Joan M. Burd of Indianapolis; a sister, Priscilla Bruyere of Humble, Texas; and four grandchildren, Andrew Burd of Chicago, Erin Sanders of Austin, Texas, A.J. Wilson of Angola and Benjamin Burd of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will be in S.S. Simon and Jude Cemetery in Blairsville, Pa., at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to Elks National Foundation or Gibault Inc. of Terre Haute.

To sign the guestbook, visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Annalee Groosbeck

ANGOLA — Annalee Groosbeck, 71, of Angola died Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Mrs. Groosbeck was a homemaker and farmed with her husband. She was a member of Stroh Church of Christ.

She was born July 30, 1934, in Steuben County to Ray and Mary (Colbart) Clifton. She married Jack M. Groosbeck on Aug. 30, 1957, in Andrews. He preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 2003.

Mrs. Groosbeck is survived by her mother, Mary Clifton of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Kathy Groosbeck and Ted and Bonnie Groosbeck, all of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Sue Clifton of Kendallville; a sister, Lyn Blanchard of Texas; a sister-in-law, Ginger Clifton of LaOtto; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jeff and Sandy Groosbeck of Hudson; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rick and Mary Lynne Forrest of Texas; and five grandchildren, Brandy Myers, Benedict Myers, Brandon Myers, Kristin Groosbeck and Stone Groosbeck.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Clifton; and a brother, David Clifton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Stroh Church of Christ. Mike Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ Agape Day Care Center.

Condolences may be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Former Fremont businessman, school board member was unique

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — Richard Baker was a man who liked to make people feel special — and he came up with unique ways to do it.

"He loved to jet-ski," his wife of two years, Janet, said with a smile in her voice. "He became quite famous. He ran (the jet-ski) way into the fall. He delivered pumpkins to the neighbors on the lake."

Richard and Janet lived on Clear Lake for most of the year, but wintered in Florida.

Richard began Baker's Acres Farm Market in Fremont as a seasonal business in 1968, and grew it to become a year-round business. He ran the business until 1986, when his son Chris took over. The business has grown to three locations in Steuben County.

Richard was also a member of the Fremont Community Schools Board of Education from 1994 to 2002 after he retired from teaching in the school district.

Mr. Baker

After a year of failing health, Richard Baker died in Brandenton, Fla. on Feb. 19. He was 73.

Janet and Richard were married on Dec. 28, 2003. Although they had only been married a little over two years, they were schoolmates and Janet said they knew one another pretty much all their lives.

Janet was married to her first husband, George, for 48 years, and Richard was married to his first wife, Gerrallee, for 46 years. Both were widowed.

"Then we were both alone, he came to see me, and something just ... happened," Janet said.

Janet said although Richard battled many health problems over the last year — he had Guillain-Barré syndrome, a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system, heart surgery and valve replacement that resulted in a severe infection and finally a major stroke — he always tried to remain active. In addition to rehabilitation, he also took aerobics classes at Hilltop Health Club in Angola.

"We had a long, hard year and it just seemed like it was one thing after another," Janet said with a sigh.

Janet said Richard's seven grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren were precious to him.

"He was very fond of all of them, his and mine, and I think they all really liked him back," she said.

Lisa Baker, who is married to Richard's son Chris, knew her father-in-law for 20 years.

"He was such a great guy," Lisa said. "He was just like a dad to me."

Janet said although she and Richard both had good lives and marriages before they married, she is still sorry she didn't have more time with him.

"He was a really special person and I was lucky to have him, even though the time was too short," she said sadly. "We were all lucky to have him for the time we did."

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Mable Peters

AUBURN — Mable A. Peters, 100, of Auburn died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Peters

Mrs. Peters was born May 30, 1905, in DeKalb County. She was an operator with the telephone company for three years and worked at the Heimach Center in Auburn for seven years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Wanda and Jim Tagliareni of Hammond, Erline and Donald Miller of Ohio and Jean Quaintance of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence and Sara Peters of Syracuse, Allen and Sharon Peters of Auburn and Carl and Janet Peters of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren, Jim Tagliareni of Denver, Mary Kay Hine of Chesterton, Ross Quaintance and Robert Quaintance, both of Fort Wayne, Jason Peters of Auburn, Lori Davidson of Kendallville, Larry Salsbury of Michigan, Dan Salsbury of Fort Wayne, Jack Salsbury and Diane Salsbury, both of Dalton, Ohio, Robert Wannamaker, Thomas Wannamaker, Patty Wannamaker, Mary Lou Wannamaker and Donald Wannamaker, all of Goshen, Steve Peters of Valparaiso and Scott Peters of Calumet; 33 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence T. Peters; a daughter, Rosella Wannamaker; three half sisters, Helen Baughman, Wava Nickels and Myrtle Bellman; and two half brothers, Roy Eck and Frank Eck.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to clarify date of services.*

Diana Dearing

AUBURN — Diana Dearing, 60, of Auburn died at 10:23 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Dearing worked for Pinkerton Security and had lived in the community since 1965.

She was born Dec. 9, 1945, in Arcade, N.Y., to Richard and Pearl (Brock) Dearing. They preceded her in death.

Miss Dearing is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neil Dennis and Carol Dearing of Eagle, N.Y., and Paul and Carrie Dearing of Pomona, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Allen Grissom of Fort Worth, Texas; and a friend, Mary Ahr of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

There will be no calling.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Frances Carr

ST. JOE — Frances L. Carr, 87, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Carr was a nurse's aide for more than 30 years, retiring from the Laurels of DeKalb. She enjoyed taking care of people and trying to make their lives more comfortable.

She was a member of Concord United Methodist Church in rural St. Joe.

She was born Aug. 5, 1917, in Concord Township of DeKalb County to Harry and Helen (Gamble) Smith. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Huber Carr on Sept. 30, 1934, in Paulding, Ohio. He died March 26, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Marilyn Carr of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Bill Sipe of Newville, Jane and Robert Biddle of Garrett, and Jean and Wilbur Camp of St. Joe; 15 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Carr; a brother, Richard Carr; and a sister, Betty Roop.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Frank Weller will officiate. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery of rural Butler.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Center in Auburn.

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Verna Hutchinson

FREMONT — Verna M. Hutchinson, 81, of Fremont died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Hutchinson

Mrs. Hutchinson was born Nov. 7, 1924, in Chicago to Robert and Phyllis (Schomich) Lockhart.

She was retired from careers in photography and visual merchandising. She was an artist, writer and illustrator, and her paintings are in private collections in the United States and England. She consigned her paintings to area galleries and museums.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Her hobbies included art, hiking, going out for boat rides and traveling. She had formerly lived in Chicago, Wisconsin and at Lake James before moving to Fremont.

Surviving are two daughters, Laurel Baker and Pam Schwieger, both of Fremont; two sons, John Hutchinson of Fremont and Jim Hutchinson of Merrillville; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wanda Courtwright; and a brother, Cecil Schomich.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony of Padua Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Masses.

Arthur Gabet

BUTLER — Arthur A. Gabet, 87, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Gabet was a retired truck driver and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Oct. 26, 1918, in New Haven to Joseph and Teresa (Vachon) Gabet.

On Oct. 12, 1940, in New Haven, he married Rose Housel. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pamela Gabet and Richard Gabet, all of Butler; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rose Ann and Jerry Dohner of Butler, Patricia and Charles Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, and Ellen Kelder of Garrett; two brothers, Charles Gabet of New Haven and Norbert Gabet of Cromwell; a sister, Ruth Ann Gingery of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronald; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Father Daniel R. Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.com.

Lorene Murray

ANGOLA — Lorene Marie Murray, 83, of Angola died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Murray was born Oct. 21, 1922, in Coldwater Township, Mich., to Stanley and Muriel (Hurraw) Banker. She was married to first to Ernie Boyer and then to Gene Murray. Both husbands preceded her in death.

She had worked as a sales clerk in the shoe departments at the JCPenney stores in Angola and in Coldwater, Mich. She had also worked as a shoe salesperson in the outlet mall in Fremont and at Coldwater Services.

Surviving are a son, Dan Boyer of Benton City, Wash.; a daughter, Bonnie Ames of Benton City; a sister, Phyllis Blouin of Bronson, Mich.; four grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law, Chuck and Mark and Toni Ames and Jason and Scott Boyer; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Brent Ames; three brothers, Hubert, Richard and Robert Banker; and a sister, Betty Buck.

No services or calling will be held.

Burial will be in Quincy Cemetery in Quincy, Mich.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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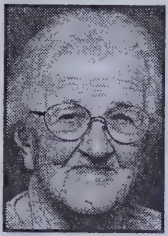
Hazel Oliver

HAMILTON — Hazel Leona Oliver, 96, of Hamilton died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at her home.


Mrs. Oliver

Mrs. Oliver was born Feb. 5, 1910, in Flint to Frank and Leorna (Baker) Locke. She married Lyman Oliver on Feb. 1, 1933, in Metz, and he preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sharon Oliver of Angola, Raymond and Judy Oliver of Fort Wayne, Ronald and Cheryl Oliver of Enon, Ohio, and Kenneth and Ellen Oliver of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Loraine Locke and Earl and Helen Locke.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Glen Morrison

HOUMA, La. — Former Fremont resident Glen Charles Morrison, 71, of Houma, La., died Friday, March 3, 2006.

Mr. Morrison was born in York Township to Sidney J. and Zelma M. (Kugler) Morrison. He was a retired master tractor-trailer driver for J.W. Walker Trucking.

Surviving are his wife, Phoebe Chauvin Morrison; his stepmother, Bettie M. Morrison of Fremont; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Allen Lee and Karen Morrison of Norton, Ohio, Jerry Wayne and Debbie Morrison of Lafayette, La., and Thomas Glen Morrison of Thibodaux, La.; two brothers, Roger Morrison of Auburn and Larry Morrison of Brentwood; two sisters, Melanie M. Sindel of Edgerton, Ohio, and Debbie M. Keener of Edinburgh; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Barbara Jean Morrison.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Chauvin Funeral Home Chapel, Houma. Burial will be in St. Francis de Sales No. 1 Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 8 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family requests no flowers.

Betty Watkins

MICHIGANTOWN — Betty Jean Watkins, 71, of Michigantown died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Watkins was a homemaker and had retired from Zachery's in 2000 after 15 years of service. She also had sold Avon for nine years and worked at the Bargain Barn and Super Fresh Food Store, both in Michigantown.

She graduated from Frankfort High School in 1953. She enjoyed gardening.

Mrs. Watkins was born Oct. 18, 1934, in Frankfort to Roy M. and Mabel (Young) Gallaher. She married John R. Watkins on Feb. 19, 1954, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry K. and Tina Watkins of Michigantown; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gary Myers of Angola; a half brother, Stephen Gallaher of Largo, Fla.; a stepsister, Glenita Smith of Mulberry; five grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Watkins was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Loren Watkins, on Oct. 9, 2004; and a grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville, with the Rev. Bryan Ton officiating. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery near Frankfort.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Elizabeth Hospice.

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Driver in court

Bench trial in OWI death to begin today

BY BOB BRALEY
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COLUMBIA CITY — The trial of an Albion woman charged with causing a death as she drove while intoxicated is set to begin today in Whitley County Circuit Court.

The trial of Lori A. Pulley, 44, has been changed from a jury trial to a bench trial, according to the Whitley County Prosecutor's Office. In a bench trial, the defendant's guilt or innocence is determined by one or more judges.

Pulley is facing three Class C felony charges in the death of Grant R. Reilly, 19, of Columbia City.

Reilly was struck by a vehicle at 1:02 a.m. Oct. 2, 2005, as he walked along S.R. 109 north of Whitley C.R. 600N, just south of the Noble County line. He died of blunt force trauma from the impact.

Pulley allegedly left the scene after the accident. She faces charges of operating while intoxicated causing death, operating while intoxicated per se causing death and failure to stop after an accident resulting in death.

Albion woman facing three Class C felony charges in the death of Columbia City teen.

An operating while intoxicated per se charge is based on the blood- or breath-alcohol percentage of the driver at the time of testing. A reading of 0.08 percent is the legal limit for intoxication, with more serious penalties possible if the reading is over 0.15 percent.

Whitley County authorities would not release the level of blood-alcohol concentration to which Pulley allegedly tested.

Pulley was released from the Whitley County Jail on $34,000 bond Oct. 2, 2005.

A jury trial in the case was originally set for Jan. 24-25, but was postponed until today when Pulley's lawyer requested more time to investigate evidence. Since then, the trial was changed from a jury to a bench trial, something normally done at the defendant's request.

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Joyce Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce Sutton, 66, of Kendallville died Monday, March 6, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Sutton

Mrs. Sutton graduated from Rome City High School in 1958 and was employed with Eaton Controls of Kendallville for about 20 years.

On Feb. 13, 1940, in Swan, she was born to Marzell and Lilah Mae (Conrad) Miller. She married Elmer A. Sutton on June 12, 1992, in South Milford. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Ann Smith of North Carolina and Brian Lee and Sharon Smith of Kendallville; a daughter, Melinda Smith of Boston, Mass.; a granddaughter and her spouse, Megan and Douglas Rhoades of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Jessica Smith of Auburn; a grandson, Nick Smith of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren, Ashley Gibson of Fort Wayne, Chase Gibson of Kendallville and Derrick Gayheart of North Carolina; a stepgreat-grandchild, Drake Rhoades of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Judy Miller of Albion; a sister, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Delphia Miller of Brimfield; six nephews; and a niece.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, LeRoy J. Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating.

Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford. Pallbearers will be Ron and Kenny Miller, Douglas Rhoades, Larry Steel, Chase Gibson and Nick Smith.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sean Ferry

LAND O'LAKES, Fla. — Sean Mack Ferry, 38, of Land O' Lakes died Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Mr. Ferry worked at GE Modular Space for 14 years before leaving a year ago to join Modular Building Systems International, where he planned to become a partner.

He loved sports, swimming with his sons and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born July 8, 1967, in Garrett. He had lived in the Tampa, Fla., area for the past 10 years, moving from Miami, Fla.

Surviving are his wife of nine years, Sara; two sons, Drake M. and Sebastian J. Ferry; a brother, Bryan; three sisters, Jennifer, Patricia and Shannon; his mother, Marcia Shreve and her partner, Karen Horn; and his father, John Ferry and his wife, Kay.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Serenity Meadows Funeral Home, 6919 Providence Road, Riverview, Fla.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Mr. Ferry's children at the Sun Trust Bank, 1701 E. 7th Ave., Tampa, FL 33605, phone (813) 241-4436.

Betty Gilbert

EDGERTON, Ohio — Betty Denman Gilbert, 81, of Edgerton and formerly of Garrett died Monday, March 6, 2006, at 3:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gilbert

She was a homemaker and a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 25, 1925, in Bronson, Mich., to Bryon and Florence (Davis) VanWagner.

She married Clayton Denman on April 15, 1956, and he died Dec. 24, 1976.

On June 27, 1999, she married Robert Gilbert. He died Jan. 7, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Paul Denman of Hudson; a daughter, Florence Bolen of Edgerton; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Ora VanWagner; and three sisters, Marjorie Storer, Mary Lou Adams and Joyce Kehoe.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Turnball officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.

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M. Juanita Deck

EDON, Ohio — M. Juanita Deck, 73, of rural Edon died Monday, March 6, 2006, at 12:10 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for three days.

Mrs. Deck worked at the Fashion Bug in Angola, retiring in 2005 after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Mount Union Christian Union Church near Edon.

She was born Jan. 3, 1933, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Marion and Violet (Shaffer) Higginbotham.

She married James A. Deck on Sept. 12, 1950, in LaGrange, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Scott Byrnes of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Toby Deck of Montpelier, Ohio, Jaime Siebenaler of Columbus, Ohio, and Michelle Breitigan of Lima, Ohio; a great-granddaughter, Nevaya Deck; a brother and sister-in-law, Clyde and Jan Higginbotham of Moorehead, Fla.; and two sisters, Mary Lou Smith of Napoleon, Ohio, and Lelah Davis of Liberty Center, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mitch Deck, in 1973.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with Pastor Glen Prine officiating. Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Harold Dirrim

WHEATLAND, Mo. — Former Pleasant Lake resident Harold Eugene Dirrim, 71, of Wheatland died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the home of his son in Wheatland.

Mr. Dirrim worked as an electrician in the IBEW Union and owned and operated his own electrical contracting businesses, Dirrim Electric and Northlake Electric, both in Angola.

He was born in Wolcottville on June 27, 1934, to Harold and Gladys (Halsey) Dirrim. He attended Salem High School and played basketball and baseball and sang in a quartet. He graduated from Salem in 1953.

On June 10, 1955, he married Patricia Ann Wilder. She preceded him in death on May 20, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Cynthia Dirrim of Wheatland; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Randy Quick of Indian Lake; seven grandchildren, Travis, Aaron and Jacob Quick and Michael, Kelsey, Kyra and Katie Dirrim; and seven great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Andrew, Lydia, Isabelle, Hannah and Natalie Quick and Vaughn Mestes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Assembly of God, Angola, with the Rev. Jeremy Hostettler of the Hermitage First Baptist Church of Hermitage, Mo., officiating.

Additional services will follow at Flint Cemetery, where burial will occur.

Memorials are to Hermitage First Baptist Church, PO Box 165, Hermitage, MO 65668.

Patricia Bissell

LAKE JAMES — Patricia A. "Pat" Bissell, 60, of Lake James and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 6, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bissell

Mrs. Bissell was born Dec. 6, 1945, in Nottingham, England, to Robert John and Edith Amy (Bishop) Richter. She married Harold Duane Bissell on June 8, 1985, in Angola. He survives.

She was a former employee of Essex Co. in Fort Wayne and Coldwater, Mich. She was also a part owner of Lakeland Landscaping and worked at Satek Winery in Fremont.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and the home extension club. Her hobbies included gardening, skiing and travel.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorrie and Patrick Poss of Angola and Leann and Jammie Mosser of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Robin and Tim Tribbett and Cheri and Benny Trevino, all of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Rick Trevino, Brad Poss, Stephanie Tribbett, Brittany Trevino and Aaron Tribbett.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the Peace Lutheran Church education wing.

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Pulley pleads as trial goes forward

Albion woman still facing OWI causing death charges

BY BOB BRALEY
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COLUMBIA CITY — An Albion woman pleaded guilty to one of the three charges she was facing Tuesday in Whitley County Circuit Court, but her trial went on.

Pulley

Lori A. Pulley, 44, still faces charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death and operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a blood-alcohol content greater than 0.08 percent but less than 0.15 percent, each a Class C felony.

The trial on those charges proceeded after Pulley opened the morning by pleading guilty to leaving the scene of an accident resulting in a death, a Class C felony.

Pulley is charged in the Oct. 2, 2005, death of Grant A. Reilly, 19, of Columbia City, who she struck as he was walking northward in the middle of S.R. 109 just south of the Noble County line at 1:02 a.m.

Reilly was dead at the scene, according to testimony Tuesday from Benjamin Faulkner, who found the body alongside the road at about 1:07 a.m.

A test performed on Pulley at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, that night indicated she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.12.

Pulley's interview that night with Indiana State Trooper Todd Reed was played in the courtroom. In it, she told police she hit something and believed it to be a person, but didn't stop because she was so shaken up.

"I'm still scared for the person. I don't know how they are," Pulley said in the interview. She repeatedly said she hoped the person was all right.

Pulley said in the interview that she was adjusting her music and singing along when she hit something all of a sudden. She called the Noble County Sheriff's Department to report the incident sometime after she returned home.

Several witnesses reported that Reilly had been to an impromptu party on Oct. 1 and had consumed tequila. One said he had consumed eight to 10 shots.

Reilly had called for a ride home from a friend, but left on foot before the ride got there, witnesses testified. His friend Lucas Davis said he had been told that it was not unusual for Reilly to walk home from the party's location.

Two witnesses testified to seeing Reilly on the road before the crash. They said he was walking along the center line and that they had nearly struck him, but were able to stop in time to avoid the collision. Each said he appeared to be intoxicated.

Carmen Harrison of Bear Lake said Reilly never acknowledged her presence, even when her pickup stopped within 2 to 5 feet of him after she came over a rise and saw him. "He never flinched. He never looked at me," she said.

Several witnesses, including Indiana State Trooper Thomas Merkling, said Reilly was wearing dark clothing.

Pathologist Pramod Carpenter of Indiana Pathology Consultants, who performed the autopsy on Reilly, testified that the victim had multiple extensive trauma injuries and died of blunt force trauma.

"There were large amounts of abrasions around the face and head," Carpenter said. He also had a separated trachea and a nearly completely separated aorta. "There was also extensive damage to the skull," he said, along with extensive brain damage.

Carpenter also testified that Reilly's blood-alcohol content was 0.124, and that his vitreous alcohol content was 0.216. The vitreous, or eye-fluid, alcohol level was the one Carpenter said he would consider more accurate in this case.

Merkling testified that the evidence on Reilly's clothes and of his injuries indicated he had been struck from behind. The initial impact of the bumper on his legs forced his head and torso back into the car's hood and windshield, Merkling said.

The impact of the crash was so great that it knocked Reilly out of his shoes, Merkling said. The car traveled 130-140 feet after hitting him before Pulley attempted to stop it, according to evidence of braking at the scene.

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PULLEY: *Victim had been drinking at an impromptu party*

As an officer trained to reconstruct crash scenes for the ISP, Merkling concluded that Pulley had operated while intoxicated and Reilly had violated laws against walking on the roadway. Reilly's dark clothing and alcohol impairment contributed to the accident, Merkling said.

Whitley County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Rentschler said the facts of the case were neither very complex nor very disputable.

"Grant Reilly bears a large amount of blame for what happened," Rentschler said. "Lori Pulley bears the other large extent of blame for what happened."

Three different people besides Pulley saw Reilly in the roadway — two when he was alive, one after his death, Rentschler said. All of them were able to stop, despite Reilly's choices. None of them had consumed alcohol, the prosecutor added.

But defense attorney Charles Leonard of Fort Wayne argued that who caused the accident is a legal issue. "Our position is that she did not cause death," he said.

The law requires that the driver must be the substantial cause, not a contributing cause, in the death, Leonard argued.

The only issue cited for Pulley was her blood-alcohol content, Leonard said. "There was no mention about speeding. There was no mention about any type of inappropriate driving."

Also, it was not reasonable to foresee that someone would be walking down the middle of the roadway in dark clothing, so case law says Pulley is less responsible than Reilly, Leonard argued.

"I'm not prepared to rule today. I have a number of documents to review," Circuit Judge James Heuer said.

Heuer asked the attorneys to submit the legal references they cited within the next seven days and said he will rule on the two operating while intoxicated causing death charges soon after that.

Heuer set sentencing for the leaving the scene charge for April 11, adding that he expects to have a decision on the other two counts long before that date.

Under Indiana law, a Class C felony conviction carries a sentence of two to eight years in prison and a fine do up to $10,000.

Since all three charges against Pulley could be considered to be part of the same crime, the law may require that they be served at the same time. If so, that would mean she could receive no more prison time for the two remaining offenses than she would get for the one to which she has pleaded guilty.

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Zachary Walker

ANGOLA — Zachary Edward Walker, 20, of Angola died Monday, March 6, 2006, at Parkview Huntington Hospital in Huntington.

Mr. Walker is survived by his parents, Michael Edward Walker and Vicki Kirkland Walker, both of Angola; his paternal grandmother, Betty Marcell Brindley Walker of Calvert City, Ky.; his maternal grandmother, Allene Young Kirkland of Danville, Ky.; four aunts and three uncles, Terri Hankla of Danville, Brian and Neica Lillie of Paducah, Ky., Pat and Ginna Walker of Memphis, Tenn., and Marty and Becky Walker of Murphreesboro, Tenn.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Billy L. Walker; and his maternal grandfather, Harold Kirkland.

Services will be at 2 p.m. CST Thursday at Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home in Benton, Ky., with the Rev. Wendell Ordway officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be at 1 p.m. EST on Friday in Bellevue Cemetery in Danville, with the Rev. Tommy Valentine officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to services on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Vernon Manor Children's Home, 1955 S. Vernon St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Local arrangements were handled by Glancy Funeral Home, Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Condolences can be left online at www.filbeck-cannking.com.

James Wood

ROWLEY, Mass. — James A. Wood, 82, of Rowley died Monday, March 5, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Wood was born in Pleasant Lake to Fern and Martha Mae (Rakesdraw) Wood. He was married to Jaqueline S. (Mathieu) Wood, and she preceded him in death.

He was a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and had reached the rank of chief petty officer. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. During the Cold War, he was involved in anti-submarine warfare aboard destroyers and aircraft carriers.

He retired from the Navy to work at Harvard University in the mail communication center and purchasing department. He was a member of Rowley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5707.

Surviving are two brothers, Harold Wood of Bakersfield, Calif., and Thomas Rakesdraw of Maryester, Fla.; a sister, Sue Hagerty of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Stroh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the F.S. Roberts and Son Funeral Home, Rowley. Burial will be in Main Street Cemetery, Rowley.

Calling will be today from 3-5 p.m.

Memorials are to Rowley Council on Aging, 39 Central St., Rowley, MA 01969.

Condolences can be left online at www.fsrobertsandson.com.

Dennis Inks

FLORAL PARK, N.Y. — Dennis G. Inks, 55, of Floral Park died Friday, March 3, 2006, at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola.

Mr. Inks was employed as a carpet installer.

He was born Nov. 8, 1950, in Kew Gardens to Robert E. and Beverly (Hunter) Inks. They are deceased.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Inks and Ronald Inks, both of Floral Park; nieces, nephews and several cousins in the Ligonier area.

He was also preceded in death by a twin brother, Douglas.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renenr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Lewis Showers officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 8, 2006, Wednesday

William Scott

KENDALLVILLE — William A. Scott, 90, of Kendallville and formerly of Westville and Union Mills died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in Kendallville.

Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott was a carpenter and later worked in maintenance at T.P. Orthodontics in Westville.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Scott was a member of Westville American Legion Post 21, the Carpenters Union in LaPorte, and a former member of Westville United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 12, 1915, in Moody, Ala., to Hosmer and Roxie (Smith) Scott. He married Joyce A. Sanders on April 3, 1944, in Meridian, Miss. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William Jr. and Noelle Scott of Milpitas, Calif.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patricia and David Cuffle and Jean and Myles Medley, all of Valparaiso, Rochelle Mocaby of LaPorte, and Janet and Andy Ross of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Newhard Funeral Home, 58 W. Walnut St., Westville. Burial will be in Westville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.newhardfuneralhome.com.

Jack Frymier

MORRISON, Colo. — Jack Rimmel Frymier, 80, of Morrison died Friday, March 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Frymier was a professor emeritus at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He was a faculty member at the university from 1962-1985 and was inducted into the university's Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was a Senior Fellow at Phi Delta Kappa in Bloomington and a department chairman at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Mr. Frymier graduated from the University of Miami in 1949 and completed his doctoral work at the University of Florida in 1957.

He had also taught high school social studies in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Frymier was a 1943 graduate of Albion High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

He was a member of Genesis Presbyterian Church in Littleton, Colo.

Mr. Frymier had dedicated his life to the advancement of education and was active in several professional organizations. He had authored 15 books and countless articles. His latest book, "Good States, Problem States: Are Some Governments Better Than Others?" was published in February.

He will be remembered as a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather.

He was born March 15, 1925, in Albion to Gerald A. and Edith A. (Rimmel) Frymier. He married Maxine June Clouse on Aug. 24, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jill Russell of Springfield, Mass., and Kay and Stephen Tews of Bloomfield, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kathi Frymier of Morrison; six grandchildren and their spouses, Andrew and Michelle Russell, Julie and Sam Weissberg, Anne Tews, Ed and Emily Stanford, Rachel Frymier and Benjamin Frymier; a sister and brother-in-law, Brabara Lou and Robert Larson of Casedero, Calif.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Carol Frymier of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Asbury First United Methodist Church in Albion. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

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Doris Krill

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Doris I. Krill, 88, of Hicksville died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 2 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Krill was a former lifelong resident of Edgerton, Ohio, and Blakeslee, Ohio. She worked as a clerk for the former Mast's Department Store in Edgerton and also a machinist for the former Syncrotech in Edgerton. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee and also St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton.

She was born Jan. 23, 1918, in Farmer, Ohio, to Charles and Florence (Foster) Mavis.

She married Marnan Welly on Jan. 23, 1940. He died Nov. 28, 1967.

She then married Omar N. Goebel on Jan. 17, 1972, and he died June 17, 1987.

She married Kenny Krill on Jan. 5, 1990, and he also preceded her in death on July 15, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ellen Haller of Garrett, Colleen and Bob Oess of Cambridge, Ohio, and Constance Welly and Don Pahl of Edgerton; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Louise Kaiser; and two sisters, Ilo Psurny and Mary Reader.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home of Edgerton, with a rosary service at 8:15 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Robert Twitchell

NEW HAVEN — Robert Gene Twitchell, 76, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Harborside Healthcare Center in New Haven.

Born in Nevada Mills, he retired from Magnavox Corp. after 34 years of services.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian J. Twitchell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Paul Gagliardi of Boston and Lee Gena and Brad Gunner of Chepatchet, R.I.; a grandson, Marcus Gagliardi; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Alan Jeffery of Bronson, Mich.

No calling or services are planned. Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel of Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives and memorials.*

Sean Ferry

LAND O'LAKES, Fla. — Sean Mack Ferry, 38, of Land O' Lakes died Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Mr. Ferry worked at GE Modular Space for 14 years before leaving a year ago to join Modular Building Systems International, where he planned to become a partner.

He loved sports, swimming with his sons and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born July 8, 1967, in Garrett. He had lived in the Tampa, Fla., area for the past 10 years, moving from Miami, Fla.

Surviving are his wife of nine years, Sara; two sons, Drake M. and Sebastian J. Ferry; a brother, Bryan; three sisters, Jennifer, Patricia and Shannon; his mother, Marcia Shreve and her partner, Karen Horn; and his father and stepmother, John and Kay Ferry.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Serenity Meadows Funeral Home, 6919 Providence Road, Riverview, Fla.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Mr. Ferry's children at the Sean Ferry Trust, account number 1000043063824, in care of the Sun Trust Bank, 1701 E. 7th Ave., Tampa, FL 33605, phone (813) 241-4436.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 8, 2006, Wednesday

Diana Dearing, 60

AUBURN – Diana Dearing, 60, died at 10:23 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Dearing worked for Pinkerton Security and had lived in the community since 1965.

She was born Dec. 9, 1945, in Arcade, N.Y., to Richard and Pearl (Brock) Dearing. They preceded her in death.

Miss Dearing is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neil Dennis (Carol) Dearing of Eagle, N.Y., and Paul (Carrie) Dearing of Pomona, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Allen Grissom of Fort Worth, Texas; and a friend, Mary Ahr of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

There will be no calling.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Leora Mathews, 77

KENDALLVILLE – Leora B. "Lee" Mathews, 77, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Mathews had moved to the area in November 2004. Prior to that, she had lived in Fort Wayne and Texas.

She had been a bookkeeper for many years.

Mrs. Mathews was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and its Lydia Circle.

She was a volunteer at the Bargain Shop and involved in Council on Aging activities.

She was born Oct. 9, 1928, in Hudson, Mich., to Otto and Georgia (Fisher) Boyer.

Her husband, Royal "Bill" Mathews, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, G. David Laur of Kendallville; a daughter, Barbara Meyer of Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren, Benjamin Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Timothy Laur, Elizabeth Henderson and Ashley Laur; and one great-grandson, Evan Meyer.

Services were held Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation.

Jack Frymier

MORRISON, Colorado — Word has been received of the death of Jack Rimmell Frymier of Morrison, Colorado, and formerly of Albion, Indiana.

Funeral services for Mr. Frymier will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating.

Viewing will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home at 771 Trail Ridge Road in Albion and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Mr. Frymier is survived by his wife, the former Maxine Clouse. A full obituary will be published in the March 15, 2006 issue of the Albion New Era.

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March 9, 2006, Thursday

David Glick

MIDDLEBURY — David F. Glick, 85, of Middlebury died at 8:38 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in the emergency room at Goshen General Hospital from an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Glick was a farmer, carpenter, school bus driver and owner of the Gospel Light Book Store in Middlebury.

Mr. Glick

He was a member of Living Waters Church and Mennonite Disaster Services. He did voluntary prison ministry and graded Bible study course papers for Gospel Echoes.

Mr. Glick had moved to the Middlebury area in 1949 from Pennsylvania.

He was born July 26, 1920, in Lancaster County, Pa., to John K. and Sarah (Fisher) Glick. He married Lavina Schrock on May 13, 1951, at Townline Mennonite Church in Shipshewana and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Rosa and Don Eash of Greenfield and Sara and Jeff Lantzer, Martha and Jack Hankins and Susie and Robert Richardson, all of Goshen; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Sam Glick of Elkhart and Bob and Janet Glick of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Abner Zook of Newmans Town, Pa.; a brother Christ Glick of Gap, Pa.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four infant brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mount Joy Conservative Mennonite Church in Goshen with the Rev. Todd Neuschwander, the Rev. Marvin Troyer and the Rev. Ben Shirk officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to C.A.P.S.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Henrietta Anderson

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. — Henrietta Anderson, 96, died March 6, 2006, in DeFuniak Springs.

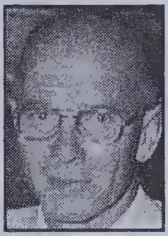
She was the widow of Ray Anderson.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Anderson, Arthur Anderson and Wayne Anderson; two sisters; and a brother.

A memorial service will be March 25 at 1 p.m. in the Carroll Road Christian Church, 4506 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne.

Richard Shearer

LIGONIER — Richard Shearer, 78, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Milford.


Mr. Shearer

Mr. Shearer was a lifelong Noble County resident and had been employed by West Noble School Corp. as a bus driver and maintenance man. He was also a farmer.

He was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church, Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705 and Order of Eastern Star 325.

Mr. Shearer was born on July 31, 1927, in Sparta Township to Donald Howard and Hazel B. (Waldron) Shearer. They are deceased. He married Helen Vance on Aug. 17, 1951, in Syracuse; and she died in 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Charlotte Shearer of Lebanon; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl Lee and Brad Smith of Syracuse and Robin Sue and Terry Tonkel of South Bend; a sister, Jean Collier of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles W. Shearer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cromwell Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund or Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc. at P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581.

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Kendallville, IN
March 9, 2006, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to change calling hours.*

Jack Frymier

MORRISON, Colo. — Jack Rimmel Frymier, 80, of Morrison died Friday, March 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Frymier

Mr. Frymier was a professor emeritus at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He was a faculty member at the university from 1962-1985 and was inducted into the university's Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was a Senior Fellow at Phi Delta Kappa in Bloomington and a department chairman at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Mr. Frymier graduated from the University of Miami in 1949 and completed his doctoral work at the University of Florida in 1957.

He had also taught high school social studies in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Frymier spent his childhood years in Albion and was a 1943 graduate of Albion High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

He was a member of Genesis Presbyterian Church in Littleton, Colo.

Mr. Frymier had dedicated his life to the advancement of education and was active in several professional organizations. He had authored 15 books and countless articles. His latest book, "Good States, Problem States: Are Some Governments Better Than Others?" was published in February.

He will be remembered as a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather.

He was born March 15, 1925, in Albion to Gerald A. and Edith A. (Rimmel) Frymier. They are deceased. He married Maxine June Clouse on Aug. 24, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jill Russell of Springfield, Mass., and Kay and Stephen Tews of Bloomfield, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kathi Frymier of Morrison; six grandchildren and their spouses, Andrew and Michelle Russell, Julie and Sam Weissberg, Anne Tews, Ed and Emily Stanford, Rachel Frymier and Benjamin Frymier; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Lou and Robert Larson of Casedero, Calif.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Carol Frymier of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Jack R. Frymier Memorial Scholarship Fund, 6409 Willow Springs Drive, Morrison, CO 80465 or the Genesis Presbyterian Church, 5707 S. Simms St., Littleton, CO 80127.

Julie Taylor

AUBURN — Julie N. Taylor, 84, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Taylor had been an Auburn resident for 38 years. She was an executive secretary for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Ladies of the Elks, Greenhurst Country Club and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, where she was a life member volunteer.

She was born June 6, 1921, in Goshen to Hugh and Margaret (VanNess) Newell. They preceded her in death.

She married Richard Taylor on Feb. 28, 1942, in Sturgis, Mich. He died Aug. 25, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hugh N. and Janice Taylor of Waterloo and Jon C. Taylor and his partner, Rosa Wise, of Los Angeles; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie J. and Robert Murphy of Green Bay, Wis.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Newell.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery of Sturgis at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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March 9, 2006, Thursday

Julie Boldt

FORT WAYNE — Julie T. Boldt, 47, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 6, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

She was a graduate of Indiana University and was a surgical technology student at the time of her death. She was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Surviving are her life partner, Curtis Wittwer of Spencerville; three children, Richard Matthew Payne, Melissa Miller and Jeremiah Wittwer; four grandchildren; her parents, Ted and Mary Rose Boldt; four sisters; and several nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Violet Hill

FORT WAYNE — Violet R. (Hawk) Hill, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead.

Born in Columbia City, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Hill of Auburn, Archie Hill of Huntertown and Jerry Hill of Botkins, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen Stovall of Fort Wayne and Pauline June Cool of Angola.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ferrol; two brothers; and five sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Alvin Beggs officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

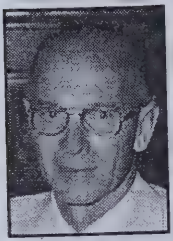
Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 9, 2006, Thursday

Richard Shearer

LIGONIER — Richard Shearer, 78, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Milford.


Mr. Shearer

Shearer was born on July 31, 1927, in Sparta Township to Hazel B. (Waldron) and Donald Howard Shearer, who both preceded him in death.

He married Helen Vance on Aug. 17, 1951, in Syracuse, and she died in 2004.

Shearer was a lifelong Noble County resident and had been employed by West Noble School Corporation as a bus driver and maintenance man. He was also a farmer.

He was a member of the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, Cromwell Masonic Lodge #705 and Order of Eastern Star #325.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Charlotte Shearer of Lebanon; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl Lee and Brad Smith of Syracuse and Robin Sue and Terry Tonkel of South Bend; a sister, Jean Collier of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Charles W. Shearer.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 11 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to the Cromwell Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund or Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc. at P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581.

James Crider

James T. Crider, 58, of Ligonier died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Avalon Village.

Mr. Crider

A Ligonier resident since 1962, Mr. Crider was a self-employed construction contractor. He was a member of Millersburg Church of Christ. He enjoyed woodworking.

He was one of the longest-living double transplant patients in the state. He had survived for over 17 years following his transplants.

Mr. Crider was born June 21, 1947, in Dorchester, Va., to Paul and Helen (Klein) Crider.

He is survived by his mother in Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Brenda Crider of Goshen and Phillip and Ruby Crider of Ligonier; a sister, Paulette and David Wallace of Edinburgh, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Marie Bailey.

Services were Monday, March 6 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Revs. Fred Walls and Craig Fritchley will officiate. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 10, 2006, Friday

Ruth Grogg

AUBURN — Ruth Mary (Smith) Grogg, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at aprroximately 5 p.m. in Wesley Healthcare at Auburn.

Mrs. Grogg primarily was a homemaker and raised three children. She was active in many church, school and community activities. For the past 30 years, she was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church, where she sang many a cappella solos.

Mrs. Grogg

She was a 1932 graduate of Auburn High School. During her early adulthood she held office positions at the Auburn Automobile Co. and J.C. Penney.

She was born Jan. 8, 1914, in Auburn to Marion Martin Smith and Cora Belle (Widney) Smith.

She married Edward W. Grogg on Feb. 3, 1935, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. Following their marriage, the couple moved to East Chicago and also lived in Highland before returning to Auburn in 1949. The couple were married for 52 years before Mr. Grogg died in 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Darrel Billings of Greenfield, and Sylvia Grogg and her husband, Allan Straten, of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen Grogg of Auburn; four grandchildren, Tracy (Billings) Clark, Jill (Billings) Carr, Dr. Michael Wildermuth and Amy (Wildermuth) Bulger; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, John David Smith of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harry S.P. Smith.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a church or charity of the donor's choice.

Clara Shipe

ANGOLA — Clara G. Shipe, 88, of Angola died Thursday, March 9, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Shipe was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Elmer W. and Alice (Daugherty) Knoll. She married Carl S. Shipe on Aug. 30, 1941, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1994.

She retired from Moore Business Forms in Angola.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Jerry W. Dickson of Ewing, Ky., and Carla Shirels of Indianapolis; and four grandsons.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Stanley Shipe; and a grandson, Kevin Shirels.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Zion Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

John 'Jack' Stark

AUBURN — John L. "Jack" Stark, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, March 9, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stark

Mr. Stark was the DeKalb County Extension Agent for agriculture for 30 years, retiring in 1977. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn. He also belonged to the Auburn Rotary Club, where he had perfect attendance for more than 50 years.

He was born Feb. 13, 1921, in Indianapolis to John and Zona (Orrell) Stark. They preceded him in death.

On June 15, 1947, in Albion, he married Helen Bortner. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Allen Wilmes of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Katrina Wilmes and Mark Wilmes.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn.

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Raymond DeLancey

NORTH MANCHESTER — Raymond J. DeLancey, 81, of North Manchester died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

Mr. Delancey was born Sept. 18, 1924, in Fort Wayne to L. Ray and Zelma (Bodie) DeLancey. His first wife, Beatrice DeLancey, died July 29, 1992. He then married Arlene Hoover in Angola on July 30, 1995, and she survives.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and worked for American Electric Power for 43 years, retiring in 1985. He attended the North Manchester First Brethren Church, and was a member and elder of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

He was a former member, past president and secretary of the Angola Kiwanis Club, and a current member of the North Manchester Kiwanis Club. He was instrumental in the formation of the Cross Roads Community Church Soccer Club in Bradenton, Fla., and the soccer field was named in his honor. He was also very active in the North Manchester Habitat for Humanity.

At the Peabody Retirement Community, he served as a trustee of the board and past president of the foundation board. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He enjoyed making butterfly jewelry and butterfly terrariums.

He had lived in North Manchester since 1993, moving there from rural Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Ted Clark McFarland of Elkhart; a son, Jack Clark of Cincinnati, Ohio; two granddaughters, Haylee McFarland of Elkhart and Zoe Clark of Cincinnati; and a sister, Arlene Morris of North Manchester.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Merlyn DeLancey; and a sister, Opal DeLancey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Peabody Chapel, North Manchester. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester, and one hour before services Tuesday at Peabody Chapel.

Memorials are to Peabody Caring Circle.

Condolences can be left online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Vivian Roberts

ANGOLA — Vivian M. Roberts, 83, of Angola died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Roberts was born May 29, 1922, in Wakarusa to John I. and Rosa V. (Laughman) Overholt. She was married to Willis Roberts on Dec. 11, 1991, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 2003.

She was a seamstress for Boris Smoler & Sons in Elkhart for 42 years. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and a former member of the Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart. She loved sewing and needlework.

Surviving are two sisters, Mabel Cocanower of Seattle and Doris Shull of St. Paul, Minn.; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Lee and Connie Downey of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a stepbrother, Ralph McCoy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and one hour before services on Saturday.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church.

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Rev. Churchill Cox

PERU — The Rev. Churchhill Hunt "Chuck" Cox, 79, of Peru died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Hickory Creek at Peru.

Rev. Cox served as a United Methodist minister for more than 40 years and pastored churches in Kentucky and Indiana including Brimfield, Kendallville, Ashley and Hudson.

He graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Vanderbilt University Divinity School. He used his undergraduate degree in music as a choral and band director for several Kentucky school systems.

Rev. Cox was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was active in the Lions Club and was a past president of the Kendallville Lions Club.

He was born Sept. 7, 1926, at Point Worthington, Ky., to Edward Jackson and Lucy (Hunt) Cox. He first married Una Durall in 1949. He later married Anne Strole on June 21, 1974, and she survives in Mexico, Ind.

Also surviving are a son, Andy Cox of Irving, Texas; three daughters, Kathi Chavez of Brentwood, Tenn., and Hannah and Rebecca Cox, both of Muncie; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Lynda Carol Cox; and two infant brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at New Life United Methodist Church, 3039 W. C.R. 400N, Mexico, with the Rev. Frank Beard and the Rev. Macklyn Bradish officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. to day at McClain Funeral Home in Denver, Ind.

Eugene Trent

ALBION — Eugene Trent, 71, a resident of Noble Township, Noble County, died at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Mr. Trent began work at Wayne Candy in 1952, retiring in 1999 with 47 years of service. He was an avid fisherman and coon hunter.

He was born Sept. 27, 1934, in Wilhurst, Ky., to Caesar and America (Banks) Trent. After his family moved to LaOtto in 1944, he attended LaOtto Elementary School and Huntertown High School. He married Vicki L. Rousseau in May 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Frankie Rousseau; a daughter, Lora Stump of Kendallville; two brothers, Richard Trent of Fort Wayne and William Trent of Jacksonville, Fla.; three sisters, Ginger Bock of Arcadia, Fla., Barbara Isom of Clinton, Ariz., and Liz Cramer of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, AC Trent, and a sister, Ann Savage.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

Sina Davis

KENDALLVILLE — Sina Davis of Kendallvile died at 1:30 a.m. today, Friday, March 10, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Car-semi crash claims life of Fremont teen

BY AMY OBERLIN
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FREMONT — A girl who graduated early this year from Fremont High School died Friday afternoon in a crash at S.R. 127 and S.R. 727.

Karli Joanne Bryan, 18, of Fremont, was driving south on C.R. 50W when a semi driven by 58-year-old Robert Allen Pitcher of St. Johns, Mich., struck the driver's side door of her car, according to a Steuben County Sheriff's Department report. Pitcher was making a left turn onto S.R. 727 at the stoplight from S.R. 127, and told investigators he did not see Bryan's car coming.

Bryan was pinned in the car for some time while being extricated by Angola Fire Department's rescue team, the report said. She was taken to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola by Steuben County EMS, where she was pronouced dead.

"There was a large group of students there that were mourning her," said Fremont Community Schools Superintendent Ben Roederer. School officials plan to meet this weekend to tailor a system to help students deal with their grief. Roederer said a procedure is in place for such circumstances.

"We'll have several counselors available," said Roederer. "We use the churches and other schools as a resource."

Counselors will be available throughout the day Monday at Fremont High School.

"This is a busy week for our students with testing," said FHS Principal Rich Cory. He said he notified his staff of Bryan's death to prepare them for possible events on Monday.

Bryan no longer attended Fremont High School, having met the qualifications to graduate early this year. Cory said she set her goals to complete school early and begin preparing herself to go to college to be a marine biologist. And she succeeded.

"I was very proud of her for that," Cory said.

"She was a great kid, had an awesome personality ... She was a very fun kid, a very well respected kid. She had a lot of friends. She's going to be sorely missed by staff and students."

Fremont Police Department and Indiana Department of Natural Resources employees from nearby Pokagon State Park assisted at the scene.

Witnesses said both drivers had a green light and Pitcher turned into Bryan's vehicle.

Both drivers were believed to be wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. No drug or alcohol use was suspected of either driver, according to the report. The case will be reviewed by the Steuben County Prosecutor's Office once the investigation is completed.

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Sina Davis

KENDALLVILLE — Sina Davis, 85, of Kendallville died Friday, March 10, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker devoted to raising seven children. She loved to garden and can the produce. She liked to watch people, was active with sewing and cooking and loved to go on family picnics. She moved to Noble County in 1955 and resided there 40 years before moving to Waterloo for 10 years. She then moved to Kendallville in August 2005.

She was born June 7, 1920, in Risner, Ky., to Mont and Jemima (Ousley) Ousley. She married Newton Davis on June 21, 1941, in Prestonsburg, Ky. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2005.

Mrs. Davis is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Sylvia Schneider of Kendallville, Mona and Gary Ewalt of Waterloo and Nelva Hawks of Brimfield; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Burchel and Lona Davis of Hicksville, Ohio, Virgil Davis of Angola and James and Donna Davis of Edgerton, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sylvia Crum of Martin, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Fannie Louise Dyer in 2000; an infant daughter, Ora Lee Davis; eight sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Elder Bruce Edwards will officiate.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in Waterloo. Pallbearers will be Chris Schneider, Frank Hawks Jr., Tim Paxton, James Davis II, Nathan Davis, Cliff Ruggles and Burchel Davis Jr.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

To send condolences, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kathryn Albaugh

SHIPSHEWANA — Kathryn J. Albaugh, 91, of Shipshewana died at 8:50 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Albaugh was a homemaker and a member of Lima United Methodist Church, Bible Study, United Methodist Women and Heavenly Headers. She served on her local election board for many years.

She was born March 10, 1915, in Kendallville to Sampson and Agatha (Browand) Marshall. She married Clarence L. Albaugh on Aug. 27, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Mrs. Albaugh is survived by a daughter, Betty Hanson of Shipshewana; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Albaugh of Kendallville and Jerry and Claudia Albaugh of Shipshewana; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Dean Bryon and Louis Ray Albaugh; and two daughters, Francis Irene and Renee Albaugh.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Scott United Methodist Church. The Rev. Nancy J. Richmond of Scott United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Joe Tarlton, John Tarlton, Claren Hanson, Nathan Hanson, David Albaugh and Roger Albaugh.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Carrie Miller

NAPPANEE — Carrie Louise Miller, 50, of Nappanee died at 4:50 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, at Hospice House, South Bend following an extended illness.

Mrs. Miller was a factory worker and a driver for the Amish community. She had attended the Ark in Nappanee and recently had attended New Creation Fellowship in Granger. She was a lifelong area resident.

She was born Feb. 22, 1956, in Michigan to David and Alice (Miller) Kauffman.

Mrs. Miller is survived by a son, Gary Miller of Nappanee; a daughter, Anna Walter of Nappanee; two grandchildren, Tiffane and Jordan Walter of Nappanee; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Omar Kauffman of Etna Green, Edward Leroy and Ruth Kauffman of Dundee, Ohio, David Ray and Sara Etta Kauffman of Topeka and Frederick Allen and Barbara Kauffman of Mishawaka; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Irene and James Beachy of Auburn, Ky., and Mary Kathryn and Lester Smucker of Narvon, Pa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Mennonite Church. Pastor Loren Graber will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Mennonite Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Riley Children's Hospital.

Kenneth Shemberger

LAGRANGE — Kenneth A. Shemberger, 84, of LaGrange died at 1:45 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Shemberger

Before retirement, Mr. Shemberger was a printer for 25 years, working for the Sturgis Journal and LaGrange Publishing Co. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 215 and two camping clubs, Kum-N-Kamp Club and Grasshoppers.

He was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Manitoba, Canada. He married Josephine (Gappinger) Shemberger on Oct. 21, 1966, in LaGrange. She survives.

Mr. Shemberger is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Kaylor and Patricia Shemberger of Watsonville, Calif., and Brent and Nelda Shemberger of Pelham, Ala.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Brent and Deb Duesler of Howe; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Jennifer and Kane Plyley and Becky and Greg Brown, all of LaGrange; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Neihardt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

To send condolences, visit www.frurипmayfuneralhome.com.

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Ronald Bowersock

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Lee Bowersock, 58, of Kendallville died at 7:20 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, at his home.

Bowersock

Mr. Bowersock was a 1970 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. He was then employed by Military Sealift Command as a marine engineer aboard oceanographic vessels. He was most recently employed as an engineer with Raytheon in Fort Wayne, where he had worked since 1974, when he began with Magnavox. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

He was born June 25, 1947, in Parkersburg, W.Va., to Herbert and Wilma "Dotty" (Dotson) Bowersock. His father preceded him in death in 1983, and his mother preceded him in death in 2004.

Mr. Bowersock married Helen (Ananias) Bowersock on Dec. 18, 1971, in Kendallville. She survives.

He is also survived by three sons, Andrew Bowersock, Timothy Bowersock and Stephen Bowersock, all at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and David Kilgore of York Springs, Pa.; two nieces, Lisa Kilgore and Mary Kilgore; and a good friend, Leanderson Favero.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Ivan Backes, Leandro Guimaraes, Enio Molinari, Edivan Savoldi, Alexandre Baierie and Marciano Bressan.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County and St. John Lutheran Church.

To send condolences, visit www.berhalterhutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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Ned Stump leaves rich legacy

BY JULIANA CASILLAS
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LAGRANGE — "The General has fallen; finally a battle that he was not to win, however medals of Honor still await him for his tour of duty, his fight for good. The General is no longer fighting for now he rests."

That's how Ned Stump's grandson, Ben Leu, begins a poem that he wrote for his grandfather. He said the poem was written because of a statement made by his grandfather in description of his nine grandchildren.

"He was lying in bed at the IU Medical Center and was referring to a picture of his grandchildren. He described them as his 'little soldiers,'" said Leu.

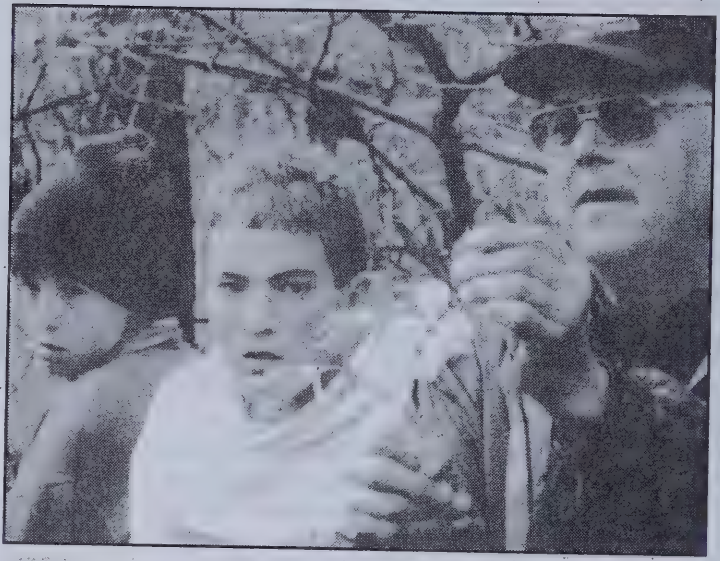
The General has fallen but his dedication to teaching, his motivation to lead, and his love for philanthropy will be an example for generations to come.

Ned H. Stump, who died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at the age of 67 after a battle with cancer, will never be forgotten.

"The General has fallen; But the soldiers know what to do all due to the training the General gave. The fight will continue, for what is just and good. But the General is no longer fighting for now he rests," continues Leu's poem.

"Dad trained us to be the best people that we can be," said Becky Younce, one of Stump's six children. "He had very high expectations for us."

But Stump's training went beyond his household into the LaGrange and Steuben community, especially the Prairie Heights School Corp. He dedicated 37 years of his life to teaching and retired in 2000.



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Ned Stump, a teacher at Prairie Heights School Corp. for 37 years, as well as a motivated leader, philanthropist and an exceptional father and grandfather, died Feb. 28 after a long battle with cancer.

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Stump's dedication as a teacher can be told by the numerous awards he received, including the state Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year Award in 1975, state Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year Award in 1983, state Vocational Teacher of the Year in 1986, Proven Site Teacher of Teachers Award in 1986 and the Prairie Heights Teacher of the Year Award in 1997.

Younce, who calls her father "The Mighty Oak" because she knew that she could always run to him for shelter from a storm or to see things more clearly, recalls in a letter written to her father before he died what she learned as a student in his forestry class.

"You taught us the first and most important step of planting a tree was to select the right location," says the letter. "I realize now as I look back that God planted you in the perfect spot. You were not in the forest amongst the trees but planted out in the open. You taught me that when trees are planted close together they grow tall but they don't branch out as much. God didn't intend for you to be the tallest tree, but he did make you into a 'perfect' wolf tree. You branched out in so many directions. You stretched to help everyone and everything around you. You probably never received the accolades for being the 'tallest' tree, but your base broadened and the people that you taught, mentored and discipled grew and we all knew that we were a part of something special."

Younce said that she also learned from her father's teachings that things are to be done because they make you feel good and not because you want the recognition.

"The other thing that I learned in forestry class was that a tree needs water to grow," said Younce in the letter to her father. "You were not a tree that needed someone coming along 'sprinkling' you with praise to help you grow. You sent your roots deep and drew your water from God's well. Those roots helped establish our whole family and make us strong through many storms ..."

Younce ends her letter to her father with words that express Stump's success as an educator.

"Always know that I will remember and try to follow these lessons that you taught me so long ago in your class. Your branches will always be a part of me and this entire community," says the letter.

"The General has fallen; A daunting task it will be to promote within. What shoes to fill, what a legacy to follow. But the soldiers will fight on, for the common goal even though the General is no longer fighting for now he rests," continues Leu's poem.

Stump's shoes took him through years of teaching at Prairie Heights schools and years of volunteer work in 4-H, at the LaGrange County Community Foundation, Stroh Lions Club, LaGrange County Red Cross, LaGrange County Farm Bureau, and in many, many other organizations as a board member.

John Emerson, educator at the LaGrange County Purdue Extension Office, recalls how Stump was a perfect example of the many things one person can accomplish.

"He was a great teacher and set up great teaching examples for all teachers across the state, he was involved in 4-H for many years and was very involved with the youth and with many other organizations in the area," said Emerson.

And his legacy, Emerson said, is in the young leaders he left behind, all those students that he taught during his 37 years of teaching.

"The General has fallen, A giant of a man, the kind of legend. Blue eyes that always knew more than you. Enormous hands, twisted by years of work that could grip an implement with such force and yet, instill calm," continues Leu's poem.

Those blue eyes allowed him to see the possibilities for community growth that affected family and children, according to LaGrange County Circuit Court Judge J. Scott VanDerbeck.

"He was a visionary that saw possibilities that others didn't," said VanDerbeck, who had the privilege of working with Stump on the committee of the Youth Asset Council, a creation of Stump's.

"The General has fallen; But will always remain in the soldiers. 'His little soldiers' who keep fighting strong. The fight of love, hope and faith. For the General is no longer fighting for now he rests," concludes Leu's poem.

For now Stump will rest, but every summer during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair his spirit will return to the Little Red Barn where he will take a seat at one of the benches he built, enjoy an ice cream cone, look upon his little soldiers with his twinkling blue eyes and lead them to victory.

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Karli Bryan

FREMONT — Karli J. Bryan, 18, of Fremont and Angola died. Friday, March 10, 2006, at 3:58 p.m as the result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

Miss Bryan

Miss Bryan was a recent seven-semester graduate of Fremont High School and would have attended graduation ceremonies in June. She had worked at McDonald's in Fremont since June 2003 and planned to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in the fall to pursue undergraduate work in marine biology.

She loved shopping. attending concerts and spending time with her friends, family and her love, Walter Fitch. She also enjoyed watching movies and reading books by Nicholas Sparks. She was a Christian.

Miss Bryan was born Oct. 8, 1987, in Fort Wayne to Scott Bryan and Lori (Bryan) Swager. They survive in Fremont and Angola.

She is also survived by two brothers, Mathew Bryan of Fort Wayne and Alex Bryan of Butler; a sister, Emili Bryan, at home; her stepfather, Troy Swager of Angola; two stepsiblings, Elija and Cheyenne Swager; extended family, Bobbi Snyder and her children, Chris, Josh and Jade, all of Butler; five grandparents, Bonnie L. Bryan of Angola, Jerry and Sandi Boren of Naples, Fla., and Terry and Ragena Swager of Angola; a great-grandmother, Geraldine Clark of Auburn; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Miss Bryan was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Robert C. Bryan Jr., in 1998, and her maternal grandmother, Michele (Cole) Lovell, in 1971.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Betty Martin

ASHLEY — Betty Martin, 72, of Ashley and formerly of Allegan, Mich., died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Martin was retired from Hastings Manufacturing in Hastings, Mich. She was a member of Eastern Star of Battle Creek, Mich.

She was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Auburn to Dail W. and Hilda Mae Treesh.

She married John B. Martin in October 1950 in Battle Creek. He died Dec. 22, 1983.

Mrs. Martin is survived by a son, Johnny Martin of Ashley; two sisters, Sharon Rowe of Waterloo and Barbara Haist of Galesburg, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Calan Martin and Cody Martin.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Mary Miller

TOPEKA — Mary Elizabeth "Sacky" Miller, 90, of Topeka died at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006, at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 23, 1915, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Crist C. and Sarah (Shrock) Miller. She married Nathaniel N. Miller on Sept. 19, 1940. He died April 4, 1987.

Mrs. Miller is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, LeAnna and Ezra Schmucker of Nappanee and Loretta and Melvin Chupp and Sara and John Wingard, all of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Patti Miller of Wolcottville; 27 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida and Calvin Lambright of Topeka and Sara Etta and Manas Miller of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a great-granddaughter, Jennifer Dawn Chupp; and four brothers, Ralph, Ben, Elmer and Crist Jr. Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Melvin Chupp residence, 5180 S. 500 West, Topeka. Bishop Harvey Lambright and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Melvin Chupp residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Send condolences at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Jess Eckelbarger

TOPEKA — Jess Willard Eckelbarger, 61, of Topeka died at 7:10 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Eckelbarger had been a machinist in the tool room for Syndicate Store Fixtures, Middlebury, until retiring in 1992 due to health problems. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and mushroom hunting. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had served in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Eckelbarger

He was born April 19, 1944, in Peru, Ind., to Clarence "Buck" and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Eckelbarger.

He married Tamila Rhodes on May 16, 1981, in Peru. She survives.

Mr. Eckelbarger is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Christina and Christopher King of Niles, Mich., and Jessica Lynn Eckelbarger of Topeka; a son, Joseph Buck Eckelbarger of Topeka; four granddaughters; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Shirley Eckert of Peru and Linda and Frank Howaniac of Texas; and six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Joe and Donna Eckelbarger, Jack Eckelbarger, Max and Diane Eckelbarger and George Eckelbarger, all of Peru, Dave and Ilene Eckelbarger of Wabash and Jerry and Alfrieda Eckelbarger of Mexico, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Peru.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy. Memorials are to the family. Send condolences at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Barsha Brown

CROMWELL — Barsha N. Brown, 87, died Friday, March 10, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a lifelong area resident. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and enjoyed attending her son's sporting events.

She was born April 18, 1918, in Noble County to McKinley and Burl (Green) Miller. She married Dennis Brown in 1939 in Cromwell. He died in 1966.

Mrs. Brown is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Danny A. and Diana Brown of Cromwell; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Dana A. and Amy Brown of Cromwell; a granddaughter, Jackie Brown of Cromwell; and two great-grandchildren, Gabrielle and Zachary Brown.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Herman Miller.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. The Rev. Dr. Don Poyser will officiate.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Cromwell United Methodist Church.

Forrest Resor

SPENCERVILLE — Forrest W. "Porky" Resor, 76, died on the evening of Friday, March 10, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Resor worked as a finish carpenter. He was a Korean War Army veteran and a member of Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Indianapolis post of the American Legion. He was an avid fisherman, gardener and world champion 'coon hunter.

He was born June 4, 1929, in Van Wert, Ohio, to George W. and Marjie (Spitler) Resor.

He married Helen Eddy in April 1953, and she preceded him in death on July 31, 1975.

He then married Ann Eddy on Dec. 4, 1977, in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and John Devlos of New Milford, Conn.; a stepdaughter, Roxanna Nordbye of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Judy Dwyer of Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brent Resor, who died April 22, 1991.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Spencerville United Methodist Church. Military graveside services will be at White City Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788; or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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Wyatt Young

PLEASANT LAKE — Wyatt Matthew Young was stillborn Thursday, March 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his parents, Matthew S. and Stephanie A. (Higbee) Young of Pleasant Lake; a sister, MacKenzie Young, at home; his paternal grandparents, Charles and Susan Young of Pleasant Lake; his maternal grandparents, Dale and Debra Higbee of Fremont; his paternal great-grandparents, Lester and Carmen Ragan of Kokomo; and his maternal great-grandparents, Max and Shirley Sutton of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by four great-grandparents, Lawrence and Margaret Young and Elmer and Hazel Higbee.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church. Pastor John Boyanowski will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements. Memorials are to the family, in care of Matthew or Stephanie Young, or Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

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Joyce Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce A. Scott, 81, of Kendallville and formerly of the Westville and Union Mills area died Sunday, March 12, 2006, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Scott

Mrs. Scott had been employed for more than 20 years in the welding department at T.P. Orthodontics in Westville.

She was a former member of Westville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Scott was born Jan. 15, 1925, in Piedmont, Ala., to Willie E. and Lexie L. (Youngblood) Sanders. She married William Ashley Scott on April 3, 1944. He died March 7.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William A. Jr. and Noelle Scott of Milpitas, Calif.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patricia and David Cuffle and Jane and Myles Medley, all of Valparaiso, Rochelle Mocaby of LaPorte and Janet and Andy Ross of Kendallville; a sister, Annette Stewart of Landrum, S.C.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Private family services will be held with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Westville Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 425 N. Michigan St., Suite 308, South Bend, IN 46601.

Newhard Funeral Home in Westville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.newhardfuneralhome.com.

George Kohn

LAGRANGE — George C. Kohn, 90, of LaGrange and formerly of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Kohn was a retired farmer and had lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was a member of Mongo Lions Club and the LaGrange County Farm Bureau.

He was born Aug. 8, 1915, in Streator, Ill., to Charles A. and Isabella (Stasell) Kohn.

Surviving are three sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy and Walter "Butch" Webb of Wolcottville, Esther Tjarks of LaGrange and Cora A. Smolinski of Kendallville; and a niece, Susanne Pheiffer of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a nephew, Richard Tjarks, in 2005; and a sister, Rita Kohn, in 1986.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mildred Oyer

FORT WAYNE — Mildred Oyer, 100, of Fort Wayne died at 1:55 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne where she had been a resident the past four years.

Mrs. Oyer

Mrs. Oyer retired in 1962 after 36 years of service at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 and the GE Quarter Century Club.

Mrs. Oyer was born Feb. 20, 1906, in Smith Township to Charles and Cora (Gaff) Krider. She married Cleon Oyer on Nov. 22, 1924, in Allen County. He died Sept. 9, 1987.

Surviving are a sister, Florence H. Crabill of Churubusco; and 13 nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Genevieve Woll and Evelyn Johnston; and two brothers, Arthur Krider and George Krider.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Howard Thimlar

AUBURN — Howard R. "Hod" Thimlar, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, March 12, 2006, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Thimlar was an auto salesman for different area dealers and operated his own dealership for a period of time.

He was a U.S. Air Force captain, serving as a bomber pilot in World War II and the Korean conflict.

He was born April 25, 1915, in Harlan to Walter and Lura (Fry) Thimlar.

On Oct. 20, 1937, in Garrett, he married Joyce Frazier. She died Nov. 19, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Elizabeth Thimlar of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, Canada; a daughter, Christine Galligher of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sondra and Tim Creasy, Jeff and Kim Yeomans, Patty and Kirby Schencks and John and Jessie Thimlar; five great-grandchildren, Zach Eagles, Jordon Griffin, Emma and Heather Creasy and Genevieve Thimlar; and two sisters, Harriet Stebing and Sally Engle.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Thimlar; and a granddaughter, Jenny Galligher.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice.

Julia Bolen

WATERLOO — Julia Joan Bolen, 74, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bolen was a homemaker and a member of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 13, 1931, in Auburn to Bernard D. and Nancy (Drew) Stuller. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Harlen Bolen on June 15, 1946, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John Michael and Kathy Bolen of Strong and James Edward and Lori Bolen of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Jim Goodman of Waterloo, Sandy and Neil Applegate of Waterloo and Janet and Rick Winkles of Gosport; one brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Theresa Stuller of Bluffton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Becky and Don Lanning of Portland, Ore., and Rosemary and Dave Briggs of Butler; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Bill Stuller, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the church.

William Talarico

FORT WAYNE — William F. "Bill" Talarico, 63, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 10, 2006, at Clear Lake.

Mr. Talarico was born in Fort Wayne, where he was a city firefighter for 20 years and a general contractor. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and the International Association of Firefighters.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Talarico of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Anne Aronson of Alpharetta, Ga., and Wendy Topolewski of Chicago; four grandchildren, Alexis, Talia, Eva and John; a brother, Jim; a sister, Pat; and his mother, Rayola B. Talarico of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with the Rev. Dale Redwanski officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services on Friday.

Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, PO Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755.

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Ruth Swank

ROANOKE — Ruth D. Swank, 80, of Roanoke died Friday, March 10, 2006.

Born March 16, 1925, she was an educator for 45 years, starting in a one-room schoolhouse in Mercer County, Ill., and teaching nearly all levels from kindergarten through college students during her career.

She was honored in 1972 with the Indiana State Teacher of the Year Award. It recognized her open-concept, non-graded intermediate class for 57 students in grades 4-6.

In 1976, she became principal of Perry Hill School in the Northwestern Allen County Schools district. Upon retiring, she taught mathematics at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne to new employees at the General Motors plant.

She also was honored as an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1972 and presented a life membership in the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc. She received the Ralph Broyles Award for unique and significant contributions to Indiana University in 1982 and a certificate of recognition from IPFW.

She held a Master of Science in education degree and certification in educational administration from Indiana University. She served on the State Science Text Selection Committee, Indiana State Science Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee to Indiana University for the Fort Wayne campus, board of directors for Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Inc. and the Advisory and Planning Committee for the National Science Convention.

She was a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association and its president-elect from 1979 to 1981, a member of the National Association of Elementary Principals, a national member of the Smithsonian Association, a member of the National Reading Association, the Advisory Committee for Counseling, Testing and Placement at Indiana University and chairperson of library tours for the Helmke Library Endowment Fund.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, George Swank; her sons and their families, Jan, Jill and Tyler Swank of South Dakota, Bradd, Claudia and Devon Swank of Oregon, Randy, Annette, Aris, Jessica and Haley Swank and great-grandchild Ayden of Auburn, and Kurt, Karie, Austin and Garrison Swank of Connecticut; a daughter and her family, Georgia Swank, Cory and Logan Swank-Wallace of Fort Wayne; one brother; and three sisters.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling wll be Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the IPFW Scholarship Fund in honor of Ruth Swank.

Cecilia Van Meter

FORT WAYNE — Cecilia L. Van Meter, 90, of Fort Wayne died at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

She was a housekeeper for Golden Years Nursing Home at Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Carroll Road Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Van Meter

She was born April 3, 1915, in Leo-Cedarville. Her parents, Otto and Rosa (Arnold) Gehrig, preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank R. Lovett, in 1967, and her second husband, Archie Van Meter.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray A. and Waunett Lovett of Fort Wayne, David H. and Grace Lovett of Leo and Daniel L. Lovett of Butler; a daughter, Diana R. Williams of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Ron and Evelyn Van Meter of Fort Wayne and Darrol and Kay Van Meter of Ossian; a niece and her husband, Willodean K. and Dennis Mason of Butler; a nephew, Jerry J. Smith of Leo; nine grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Hartley; two sisters; a brother; and stepbrothers and stepsisters.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Road Christian Church, 4704 W. Carroll Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Church.

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Bessie Dunn

WATERLOO — Bessie M. Dunn, 91, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Covington Commons Assisted Living Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dunn served as librarian of the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library for 35 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a former superintendent of the children's primary department at the Waterloo United Methodist Church, serving in that position for 40 years. She was a member and president of the Progressive Literary Club and a member and past officer of the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born in January 1915 in LaOtto to Bert and Myrtle (McDaniel) Leach.

She married Raymond Dunn on Aug. 17, 1932. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Arlene Georgiadis and Carolyn and Lyle Miller, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Leach of Conroe, Texas; a sister, Gloria Johnson of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Mike Klink of Auburn, Kris Miller of Houston, Texas, Brenda Cropper of Fishers, Kelli Barr of Albion and Margaret DeRosa of Fort Wayne; and her great-grandchildren, Kristen, Kendra, Jessica and Simon Klink, Abby Cropper, Allison Mehringer, Katherine DeRosa, Joseph DeRosa, Brian, Devine and Kiarra Barr and Payton Miller.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Zachery Klink and Brian Miller; and a son-in-law, Michael Georgiadis.

Services will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lynne Duke and the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church Children's Department or the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library Children's Department.

Tonya Cross

Mrs. Cross

HOWE — Tonya Lynn Cross, 35, of Howe died Sunday, March 12, 2006, in Howe.

Mrs. Cross had spent most of her life in the Sturgis, Mich., area.

She was a waitress at the Dawg House Restaurant in LaGrange.

Mrs. Cross was born March 11, 1971, in LaGrange to Dave and Marcia (Jordan) Taylor. They both survive in Sturgis, Mich. She married Paul D. Cross on July 19, 2005. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Katrina Jordan of Howe; a son, Josh Giggy of Sturgis; a stepdaughter, Kailie Cross of Howe; a stepson, Austin Cross of Howe; two sisters, Paula Aulbach and Deanna Taylor, both of Sturgis; and a brother, David Taylor II of Sturgis.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Jeff Franham officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to her children's education fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Pamla 'Penny' Richmond

Mrs. Richmond

BUTLER — Pamla M. "Penny" Richmond, 64, of Butler died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Richmond was a homemaker and enjoyed making candles.

She was born Oct. 26, 1941, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Alex and Florence (Middleton) Treharn.

She married Claude "Al" Richmond on June 11, 1960, in Niles, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick and Vicki Richmond of Butler; two daughters, Christi "Sam" Butler of Pleasant Lake and Kandie Richmond and her fiancé, Andy Dellinger, of Butler; a brother, George Treharn of Warren, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alex Treharn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Cecilia Van Meter

FORT WAYNE — Cecilia L. Van Meter, 90, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 10, 2006, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Van Meter

She was a housekeeper for Golden Years Nursing Home at Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Carroll Road Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 3, 1915, in Leo-Cedarville. Her parents, Otto and Rosa (Arnold) Gehrig, preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank R. Lovett, in 1967, and her second husband, Archie Van Meter.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray A. and Waunett Lovett of Fort Wayne, David H. and Grace Lovett of Leo and Daniel L. Lovett of Butler; a daughter, Diana R. Williams of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Ron and Evelyn Van Meter of Fort Wayne and Darrol and Kay Van Meter of Ossian; a niece and her husband, Willodean K. and Dennis Mason of Butler; a nephew, Jerry J. Smith of Leo; nine grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Hartley; two stepsisters; and a stepbrother.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Road Christian Church, 4704 W. Carroll Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Church.

William Graham

AUBURN — William T. Graham, 96, of Auburn died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Levi, N.M., he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, stationed in Greenland from 1941 to 1945.

He was a chemist at Bauman-Harnish Rubber for 10 years, retiring in 1971.

Mr. Graham was a "rock hound" and especially enjoyed his Lake Superior agates. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

Surviving are a niece, Marsha Banicki-Graham of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy J. Graham of Auburn and Ruth E. and Ray Bowman of North Manchester; two brothers, Robert H. Graham of Auburn and Kenneth E. Graham of Butler; a brother-in-law, Peter G. Potts of Corunna; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred E. Graham; his parents, William L. and Vesta Graham; a sister, Helen Potts; and three brothers, James, John and Richard Graham.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Harlan officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

George Hashu Sr.

ANGOLA — George E. Hashu Sr., of Angola and formerly of Hammond, died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at home.

Mr. Hashu was born Dec. 21, 1912, in Hammond to Nicholas and Anne (Stasik) Hashu. He was married to Anna Pauline DeBold on July 20, 1936, and she preceded him in death on April 10, 1998.

He retired as a cake salesman for Hostess Bakery, and then worked for the city of Hammond.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the Fishing and Hunting Club in Calumet City, Ill.

Surviving are two sons, George E. Hashu Jr. of Angola and William N. Hashu of Hammond; two brothers, Nicholas Hashu of California and William Hashu of Whiting; a sister, Martha Whitmer of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Ann Zinninger, in 1998; a brother, Howard Hashu; and a sister, Angela Parker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Masses for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

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Donald Geller

CHURUBUSCO — Donald G. Geller, 94, a well-known farmer in Lake Township, Allen County, and a former rural Columbia City resident died at 6:10 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, at Renaissance Village Nursing Home in Whitley County.

Mr. Geller

Mr. Geller had been a farmer and retired in 1973 after 38 years of service as a plumber and steamfitter at International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church and Huntertown Lodge 689 F.&A.M.

Mr. Geller was a 1930 graduate of Huntertown High School.

He was born Feb. 6, 1912, in Eel River Township to John and Viola (Wells) Geller. He married Jennie Spice on June 2, 1934, in Fort Wayne. She died April 1, 2002.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Elsie Geller, Kenneth and Suzanne Geller, John and Leah Geller and James and Denise Geller, all of Fort Wayne, and Joseph and Anne Geller of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie Geller-Byrne and her husband, David, of Churubusco; a sister, Bessie Fleisher of Humboldt, Tenn.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Leona Dunfee; and four brothers, Clifford, Wallace, Carl and Jesse.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Lake Chapel United Methodist Church, 8205 Butt Road, with the Rev. Harold Klinker officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Lake Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Duane Rice

GOSHEN — Duane H. Rice, 73, died at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Rice

He retired from Goshen Rubber after more than 38 years of service. He had worked the past five years at Clean Sweep in Goshen. He had also been a landlord.

Mr. Rice was a member of Pathway Assembly of God in Middlebury.

He was born June 12, 1932, in Sturgis, Mich., to John William and Ada Florence (Brewer) Rice. He married Joanne Inman on June 8, 1952, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie J. Rice of Detroit and Laura and Patrick Neeley of Goshen; two sons, Stephen Rice of Warsaw and Timothy Rice of Bartow, Fla.; two brothers, William Rice of California and Stanley Rice of Sebring, Fla.; a sister, Virginia Osbon of Sturgis, Mich.; four grandchildren; and four great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Katherine.

Services will be at a later date.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Michael Huber

CONNERSVILLE — Michael Huber, 31 of Connersville and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Connersville.

Mr. Huber had been employed as a plumber at T&T Plumbing and Heating of LaOtto for 10 years.

He and his wife attended Community Gospel Church.

Mr. Huber enjoyed listening to music and was an avid NASCAR, IU basketball and Notre Dame football fan.

He was born July 14, 1974, in Richmond to Mark and Jan Huber. They survive in Connersville. He married Angela Blakely of Connersville on Jan. 5. She survives.

Also surviving are three stepchildren, Cody Blakely, Kayla Blakely and Niles Thomas, all at home; his paternal grandmother, Marilyn Huber of Richmond; aunts and uncles, James and Brenda Brendel of Michigan, Buck and Dawn Brendel of Kendallville, Mark and Teresa Brendel of Connersville, Sharon Huber of Fort Wayne and Mary Beth Gossage of Kissimmee, Fla.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Scott Sizemore; his paternal grandfather, Jack Huber; and maternal grandparents, Robert and Lois Brendel.

Services were March 8 in Connersville.

Memorials may be sent to the Michael H. Huber Memorial Fund at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, 1704 N. Grand Ave., Connersville, IN 47331.

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Clair Lanning

ANGOLA — Clair Emmitt Lanning, 76, of Angola died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Lanning was born Oct. 28, 1929, in Kendallville to Delbert E. and Olive (Frock) Lanning. He was married to Brenda Gay Fields on July 21, 1973, in Orland. She survives.

He was a 30-year employee at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, where he retired as a supervisor in 1990. He was the owner of Lanning Cleaning Service in Angola.

His hobbies included fishing and watching Indiana University basketball.

Also surviving are three daughters, Vicki Demorest and Sue Sobeski, both of Bronson, Mich., and April Lanning of Angola; a son, Mike Lanning of Angola; two stepsons, Randy West of Angola and Scott West of LaGrange; a sister, Dawn Aumsbaugh of Kendallville; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Terry Lanning; a sister, Nelda Pastor; and a brother, Donald V. Lanning.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 273, Angola, IN 46703.

Rose Owsley

FREMONT — Rose Marie (Danning) Owsley, 43, of Fremont died Monday, March 13, 2006, at her home.

She was born in Angola on Dec. 12, 1962, to Dale and Dessie (Jaquay) Danning. She was a toll attendant for the Indiana Toll Road for 18 years. She was a member of Lake Gage Congregational Church and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are two brothers, Terry Lee Danning of Avilla and Carl Danning of Angola; two sisters, Elaine Williams of Angola and Barbara Castner of Fremont; and her mother in Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father in 2000 and a brother, DeWayne Danning, in 1971.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Altman officiating. Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Gussie Wilson

ANGOLA — Gussie C. Wilson, 67, of Angola died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at his home.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Lucile Skinner

LAGRANGE — Lucile E. Skinner, 96, of LaGrange died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Skinner was the former co-owner of the Wolcottville Economart and was a registered nurse.

She was a lifetime Wolcottville resident.

She was born April 13, 1909, in Wolcottville to Ray and Maude (Culver) Dickinson. She married Charles A. Skinner on Aug. 8, 1933, in Wolcottville. He died in October 1986.

Surviving are a brother, Lewis Dickinson of Wolcottville; and a granddaughter, Claudia Bell of Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Walter A. "Dugan" Skinner, on Jan. 27, 1991; and a sister, Eleanor Cureton.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Polly Schrock

LAGRANGE — Polly W. Schrock, 81, of LaGrange died today, Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Schrock was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

Mrs. Schrock was born Nov. 15, 1924, in LaGrange County to William L. and Mattie A. (Yoder) Bontrager. She married Alvin J. Schrock on Nov. 4, 1948, in LaGrange County. He died Sept. 21, 2001.

Surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Edna and Daniel Beechy of Cambria, Wis., Amanda and Harvey Miller of Centreville, Mich., Mary and Mahlon Miller of Howe, Mattie and Fred Cain of Topeka, Amelia and Levi Miller of Fremont, Mich., and Ida Schrock of LaGrange; nine sons and daughters-in-law, Harley and Edna Schrock of Howe, Abe and Miriam Schrock of Vestaburg, Mich., Levi and Carolyn Schrock of Wolcottville, Mervin and Ella Schrock of Kamrath, Wis., Samuel and Edna Schrock of Topeka, and William and Luella Schrock, Edwin and Katie Schrock, Ezra and LaVera Schrock and Melvin and Saranna Schrock, all of LaGrange; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Mary Schrock of Shipshewana, Mary and Elmer Bontrager and Millie Stutzman, all of Clark, Mo., Susie and Joas Lambright of Orleans, Emma and Marvin Schmucker of LaGrange and Mattie and Christian Graber of Seymour, Mo.; three brothers, Levi and Ruby Bontrager of Shipshewana, Ezra and Clara Bontrager of Wolcottville and Abe and Anna Bontrager of Dalton, Wis.; 104 grandchildren; and 52 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Edwin Troyer residence at 3660 W. C.R. 200N, LaGrange, with Bishop Edward Schmucker and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be at the family residence after 5 p.m. today and all day Thursday.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

John Hogan

FORT WAYNE — John E. Hogan Jr., 77, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hogan was a trust officer for Lincoln National Bank for more than 20 years and completed his career in charitable private foundation work with the Olive B. Cole Foundation and M.E. Raker Foundations.

He served as past president and a board member for Goodwill Industries and on the advisory board of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Hogan was a member of the board of directors of the Caylor Nickel Hospital, Fox Island Alliance and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

He was a member of the Nature Conservancy, YMCA and Orchard Ridge Country Club.

Mr. Hogan was a lieutenant junior grade with the U.S. Coast Guard.

He enjoyed golf and sailing.

Surviving are his children, John T. Hogan of Fort Wayne; and two daughters, Andrea Ty Whiting Ratajczak of Fort Wayne and Cynthia Whiting of San Rafael, Calif.;

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Pastor Adam Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone of Fort Wayne.

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Martha Picklesimer

AUSTIN — Martha Ann Picklesimer, 67, of Austin died Monday, March 13, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Picklesimer had been a maintenance worker and custodian for the Garrett Community Hospital and Garrett Clinic. She was a former employee of the old Lowe's Wallpaper Store in Scottsburg and was a foster parent through her church for the state of Indiana.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter 107 in Scott County.

She was born Feb. 14, 1939, in Hindman, Ky., to Stewart Byrd and Edna (Slone) Pratt. They preceded her in death.

She married William Clay Picklesimer on July 17, 1984, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Douglas Potter of Kaplan, La., and Keith Potter of Garrett; a daughter, Jennifer Davis of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a stepson, William Michael Picklesimer of Franklin; a stepdaughter, Deborah Louise Houchen of Franklin; three sisters, Erma Dean Slone of Somerset, Ky., Sara Weihmiller of Garrett and Letty Pratt of Hindman; four brothers, Orville Pratt of Hazard, Ky., Stewart Pratt Jr. and Ruby Pratt, both of Hindman, and Frank Pratt of Lansing, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Collins Funeral Home, 465 W. McClain Ave., Scottsburg, with Bishop Tim Stevens officiating. Burial will be in New Providence Cemetery at Austin.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to benefit the foster care program.

David Thomas

AVILLA — David Thomas, 55, of Avilla died at 11:48 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 15, 2006, Wednesday

Charlotte Kyler, 72

COLUMBIA CITY – Charlotte Ann Kyler, 72, of rural Columbia City, died at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at her daughter's home.

Born in Whitley County on Aug. 18, 1933, a daughter of Timothy L. and Lulu (Clingerman) Zumbrun, she graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1951. She had lived for brief periods of time in Denver, Colo.; Mt. Clemons, Mich., and the majority of her life in Whitley County.

She married Richard K. Kyler on Jan. 30, 1953, in Columbia City. He preceded her in death.

She worked at Scott's Grocery in Columbia City for five years, United Telephone, Columbia City, and from 1984 to 1992, she worked in the cafeteria at Columbia City High School.

She was a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church. She was active in the Girl and Boy Scout organizations and was a former member of the Larwill Lioness Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Vickie S. (Darrell) Ressler of Churubusco; two sons, Steven M. (Laura) Kyler and Eric S. (Jessica Hively) Kyler, both of Columbia City; a brother, Mickey (Dianne) Zumbrun of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Lola J. Zumbrun of Larwill; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Zumbrun.

The funeral was Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Counrtyside Park Funeral Home. The Pastor Gene Rohrer, of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was held at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Kyler's memory to American Cancer Society or Oak Grove United Methodist Church.

For additional obituary information, to send condolences or to sign the family guest register book, log on to www.demoneygrimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 15, 2006, Wednesday

Dr. Jack R. Frymier – 80

MORRISON CO. – Dr. Jack R. Frymier-80 died at his home in Morrison, CO, Friday, March 3, 2006. He was born March 15, 1925 in Albion, IN to Gerald and Edith (Rimmel) Frymier.

He had lived his childhood years in Albion, IN, where he graduated in 1943 from Albion High School. He married Maxine J. (Clouse) Frymier on August 24, 1947. Mrs. Frymier survives in Morrison, CO.

He as a professor emeritusworked from 1962-1985 at Ohio State University College of Education of Columbus, OH. Dr. Frymier was induced into the university's Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was a Senior Fellow at Phi Delta Kappa in Bloomington, IN, and dept. chairman at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Mr. Frymier graduated from University of Miami in 1949, did his doctoral work at the University of Florida in 1957.

He also taught high school social studies in Orlando, FL.

and served in the US Army WWII and Korean War.

Dr. Frymier was a member of Genesis Presbyterian Church in Littleton Co.

Mr. Frymier had dedicated his life to the advancement of education and was active in several professional organizations. He had authored 15 books and countless articles. His latest book, "Good States, Problem States: Are Some Government Better Than Others?" was published in February.

He is suvived by 2 daughters, Jill Russell of Springfield, MA and Kay (Stephen) Tews of Bloomfield, IA; 1 son, Mark (Kathi) Frymier of Morrison CO; 1 brother, Joseph (Carol) Frymier of Angola, IN; 1 sister Barbara Lou (Robert) Larson of Casedero, CA; and 6 grandchildren.

Servicecs were held at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, IN, on Saturday, March 11, 2006 with Rev. Austin & Nancy Fegusson officating. Bural was in Rose Hill Cementery, Albion, IN where military graveside services were preformed by the American Legion Post #246 of Albion, IN.

Perferred memorials: Jack R. Frymier Memorial Scholarship Fund 6409 Willow Springs Dr., Morrison. CO 80465; Genesis Presbyterian Church 5707 S. Simms St., Littleton, CO. 80127

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 15, 2006, Wednesday

Bessie Dunn, 91

WATERLOO – Bessie M. Dunn, 91, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Covington Commons Assisted Living Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dunn served as librarian of the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library for 35 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a former superintendent of the children's primary department at the Waterloo United Methodist Church, serving in that position for 40 years. She was a member and president of the Progressive Literary Club and a member and past officer of the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born in January 1915 in LaOtto to Bert and Myrtle (McDaniel) Leach.

She married Raymond Dunn on Aug. 17, 1932. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Arlene Georgiadis and Carolyn and Lyle Miller, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Leach of Conroe, Texas; a sister, Gloria Johnson of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Mike Klink of Auburn, Kris Miller of Houston, Texas, Brenda Cropper of Fishers, Kelli Barr of Albion and Margaret DeRosa of Fort Wayne; and her great-grandchildren, Kristen, Kendra, Jessica and Simon Klink, Abby Cropper, Allison Mehringer, Katherine DeRosa, Joseph DeRosa, Brian, Devine and Kiarra Barr and Payton Miller.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Zachery Klink and Brian Miller; and a son-in-law, Michael Georgiadis.

Services will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lynne Duke and the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church Children's Department or the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library Children's Department.

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David Thomas

AVILLA — David J. Thomas, 55, of Avilla died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Thomas was a 1969 graduate of East Noble High School and had been employed for 33 years at Flint & Walling in Kendallville before retiring in June 2002.

He was a handyman and jack-of-all-trades doing remodeling and home and electrical repair.

Mr. Thomas loved spending time with his granddaughters and was a gun, knife and coin collector. He enjoyed mowing his yard and working outdoors. In the winter he plowed snow.

He was born Sept. 7, 1950, in Kendallville to Raymond and Mary L. (Smith) Thomas. He married Dorothy S. McCann on Aug. 5, 1978, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Brad Goodman of Avilla; and two granddaughters, Sierra and Brittany Goodman, both of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and an hour before services.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charles Rossman

LAGRANGE — Charles W. Rossman, 72, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rossman was a lifetime resident of LaGrange. He had owned Rossman Excavating of LaGrange since 1976.

Mr. Rossman

He had been the commander of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and was a member of K of P Lodge in LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 23, 1933, in LaGrange to Leo W. and Nina I. (Yoder) Rossman. He married Eleanor Poyser on Oct. 5, 1957, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Randy Meyers of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Douglas Frederick of Sun City, Ariz.; three brothers, Richard Rossman of Sturgis, Carl Dean Rossman of Kendallville and Robert D. Rossman of Hillsdale, Mich.; and one granddaughter, Hope N. Hickman of Sturgis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. John Kitchen officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Jarrod Gayheart

LAGRANGE — Jarrod E. Gayheart, 19, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Gayheart was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He was a laborer.

Mr. Gayheart was a member of the International Bowhunters Organization.

Mr. Gayheart

He was born Feb. 24, 1987, in Kendallville to Robert and Cheryl (Perkins) Gayheart. They both survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a brother, Joshua R. Gayheart of Stroh; his paternal grandparents, Raymond and Vivian Gayheart of LaGrange; his maternal grandparents, Ed and Ann Perkins of Kendallville; his great-grandmother, Elsie Napier of Hindman, Ky.; and his stepgreat-grandmother, Georgie Perkins of Hindman.

He was preceded in death by a cousin, Travis Gayheart; and his grandparents, Anna and Morg Gayheart and Anthony and Liza Hall.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Friday at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Carol Hill

GARRETT — Carol Lynn Hill, 52, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 9:43 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Hill worked as a shipping clerk at Courier in Kendallville for 19 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and had been a Garrett resident for 34 years.

She was born Sept. 24, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Donald Wunderlin Sr. and Annamae (Flynn) Wunderlin. They preceded her in death.

She married Steven R. Hill Sr. on Oct. 23, 1971, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven Hill Jr. and Michelle Hill of Auburn and Chris Hill of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sara Hill of Upper Marlboro, Md.; two granddaughters, Hannah Klein of Upper Marlboro and Erica Ross of Auburn; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Patricia and Jim Stilwell of New Haven, Dolores and Michael Harper of Colorado, Barbara and Richard Schneider, Jean Mackin and Mary and Robert Brown, all of Fort Wayne, and RoseAnn and Byron Schutt of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Vonnie Wunderlin of Aurora, Colo.; her stepmother, Helen Wunderlin of Auburn; three stepsisters, Patty Aalders and her husband, Ralph, of Auburn, Nancy Deardorf of Auburn and Jeri Farver and her husband, Robert Farver Jr., of Ashley; and a stepbrother, James Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Wunderlin Jr.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Dan Leeuw of Provena Sacred Heart Home officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Allen County Cancer Services or Parkview Hospice.

Gussie Wilson

ANGOLA — Gussie C. Wilson, 67, of Angola died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Wilson was born July 10, 1938, in Des Arc, Ark., to Floyd and Lola (Taylor) Erby. She was married to Ivan Wilson, who preceded her in death in 1983.

She had worked for Air-Way Manufacturing in Waterloo and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church of Fremont.

Surviving are four children, Thomas Wilson of Belvidere, Ill., Pete Wilson of Waterloo, Brenda Hussain of Angola and Lisa Cupp of Michigan City; two brothers, Jim Erby of Lufkin, Texas, and Robert Erby of Des Arc; a sister, Bobbie Gilbert of Brinkley, Ark.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, was in charge of arrangements.

C. Virginia Amstutz

AVILLA — C. Virginia "Ginny" Amstutz, 85, of Avilla died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Amstutz was a native of Fort Wayne and had been a floral designer with Cottage Flowers for 30 years.

She will be remembered as a devoted Catholic and a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Amstutz enjoyed bowling, fishing, golfing and camping.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Wilford "Bill" Amstutz of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim and Darlene Amstutz of Wolf Lake and Denny Amstutz of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cherri and Mike Keller of Fort Wayne and Sandy and Bill Boehm of Fremont; a brother, Bob Bobay of Pleasant Lake; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Fitzgerald of Fairbanks, Alaska, Tootie Derck of Pleasant Lake, Jeannie and Ray Schowe of Jimmerson Lake and Dodie and Paul Daily of Columbia City; and 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road. Burial will be in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Clair Lanning

ANGOLA — Clair Emmitt Lanning, 76, of Angola died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Lanning

Mr. Lanning was born Oct. 28, 1929, in Kendallville to Delbert E. and Olive (Frock) Lanning. He was married to Brenda Gay Fields on July 21, 1973, in Orland. She survives.

He was a 30-year employee at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, where he retired as a supervisor in 1990. He was the owner of Lanning Cleaning Service in Angola.

His hobbies included fishing and watching Indiana University basketball.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vicki and Deward Demorest and Susan and Robert Sobeski, both of Bronson, Mich., and April Lanning of Angola; a son, Mike Lanning of Angola; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Randy West of Angola and Scott and Melissa West of LaGrange; a sister, Dawn Aumsbaugh of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his mother-in-law, Ruth Pieratt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Terry Lanning; a sister, Nelda Pastor; and a brother, Donald V. Lanning.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association, PO Box 273, Angola, IN 46703.

Lester Wellendorf

WYOMING, Mich. — Lester G. "Bud" Wellendorf, 86, of Wyoming, Mich., died Monday, March 13, 2006.

Mr. Wellendorf was a Navy veteran of World War II. He lived in Indiana most of his life.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carola and Nels Werkema; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Colette Wellendorf; four grandchildren, Bret Asper and his wife, Julie, Ben Asper and his fianceé, Chris Paruch, Tim Werkema and his wife, Heather, and Teresa Werkema; his great-grandchildren, Jenna, Camryn and Erin Asper, Lyndsay, Sam and Allison Werkema and Kehly Werkema; a sister, Ruth Patrick; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Rose Wellendorf; and a brother-in-law, John Buckalew.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladyene; his second wife, Stella; his sister, Peg Buckalew; and a brother-in-law, Harry Patrick.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Stroo Funeral Home, 1095 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. The Rev. David L. Searle will officiate.

Calling wil be today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masonic Charity for Children or the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 16, 2006, Thursday

Dennis Inks

Dennis G. Inks, 55, of Floral Park died Friday, March 3, 2006, at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola.

Mr. Inks was employed as a carpet installer.

He was born Nov. 8, 1950, in Kew Gardens to Robert E. and Beverly (Hunter) Inks. They are deceased.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Inks and Ronald Inks, both of Floral Park; nieces, nephews and several cousins in the Ligonier area.

He was also preceded in death by a twin brother, Douglas.

Services were Friday, March 10 at Ulrey-Renenr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Lewis Showers officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

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Louise Osbun

AUBURN — Louise Osbun, 60, of Auburn died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Osbun

Mrs. Osbun was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Altona. She loved bingo, bluegrass music, the dog Midnight and especially her family.

She was born Aug. 16, 1945, in Martin, Ky., to Johnie E. Mann Sr. and Betty (Manuel) Mann. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald J. Osbu on Oct. 21, 1978, in Auburn. H survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Catherine and Jorge Schmidt of Jacksonville, Fla., Marlene Truelove of Garrett and Michell and Glen Humbarger of Aubur two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Jackie Williams of Kingsland, Ga., and Rodney an Deb Osbun of Auburn; her grandchildren, Jimmy McDanie Chelsea McDaniel, Anthony, Brandon and Kayla Williams; Dillin White, Haley White, Johnathan White, Jasmine Truelove, Cheyenne Truelove, Dustin, Rodney Osbun Jr., Felicia Borst, McKenzie Osbun and Brittany and Ashley Humbarger; her brothers and sisters, Blanche Hilsmier of Garrett, Betty J. Woods of Auburn, Charlie Mann of Pleasant Lake, Thomas Mann of Albion, Johnnie Mann of Auburn, Jessie Mann of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Ross Mann of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Johnny E. Mann Jr., Floyd Mann, Estill Mann and Billy Ray Mann; two sisters, Mary Rodman and Lucille Mann; and one grandchild, Tamara Rochelle Hall.

Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Joe Freeman, the Rev. Thomas Mann and Pastor Janet Strickland will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Narolla Baxter

MARION — Narolla A. Baxter, 88, of Marion died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Bradner Village Health Care Center.

Mrs. Baxter had lived in Marion since 1942.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Baxter was a member of First Church of God. She was a former member of the Super Sixties and the Senior Center. She was active at Hilltop Tower Activities.

She enjoyed crafts and crossword puzzles.

Mrs. Baxter was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Peoria, Ill., to George and Lelia (Chambers) Royer. She married Marshall Baxer on June 18, 1938. He died Jan. 11, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lelia and Phil Dailey of Marion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew and Judy Baxter of Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Ronald and Linda Baxter of Marion; two sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law; eight grandchildren and their spouses, including David and Shalisa Baxter and Pat and Charmin Baxter, all of Kendallville; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, a brother and a sister.

Services were today at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service in Marion.

Iris Bruggencate

AUBURN — Iris W. (Wilmont) Bruggencate, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in St. Joe, she was a billing clerk at Cameron Hospital in Angola until her retirement.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1938 and from International Business College in 1962 when she was 40.

She enjoyed crosswords, puzzles, knitting, crocheting and playing the organ.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Nancy Stairhime of Auburn; two grandchildren, Scott Stairhime and his wife, Brooke, of Waterloo, and Darrin Kirk and his wife, Angela, of Middletown; four great-grandchildren, Gunnar Stairhime and Garret Stairhime, both of Waterloo, and Trenton "Moose" Kirk and Macy Kirk, both of Middletown; a sister, Leora Light of Hamilton; two special nieces, Sharon Coe and her husband, Bob, and Jean Buchs and her husband, Lee, all of Hamilton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George L.; her parents, George G. and Opeal (Poper) Wilmont; three brothers, Keith, Harold and Carleton Wilmont; and a niece, Crystal Howard.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2006, Friday

Eldrith Cook

ROCHESTER — Eldrith William Cook, 92, of Rochester died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at the Life Care Center of Rochester, where he had been a resident since December 2004. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Mr. Cook was born in Richland Township in Fulton County on Sept. 18, 1913, to Daniel and Della (Babcock) Cook. He lived most of his life in the Fulton County area, with the exception of 14 months when he lived in Arizona.

He married Eloise L. Mow on April 24, 1935, in Richland Township. She preceded him in death on Oct. 6, 2000. He was a lifetime farmer in the Richland Center community and had worked at the former Studebaker Corp. in South Bend for 10 years.

He was politically active in the Fulton County Republican Party. He served for eight years as an advisor to the Richland Township Advisory Board, four years as the trustee for Richland Township, eight years as a Fulton County councilman and four years on the Rochester Community School Board.

He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Rochester. He enjoyed going on fishing trips to Minnesota with family and friends.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Anne and Loy Mork of Rochester, Janet Nier of Angola and Helen and Richard Holiday of Peru; a son and daughter-in-law, Loyd and Dolly Cook of Sun Prairie, Wis.; a sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Virgil Darkwood of White Pigeon, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Martha Ann Cook of Kewanna; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a twin brother, Elmer; a brother, Kenneth; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Foltz and Ruth Cook; a brother-in-law, Edgar Haney; and two sons-in-law, Allen Moore and Richard Nier.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Revs. Jerry Pitman and Brian Sewell officiating. Burial will be in Richland Center I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. and also one hour before services on Sunday.

Memorials are to Antioch Baptist Church.

Condolences can be sent to goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Mary Todd

GOSHEN — Mary L. Todd, 73, of Goshen died at 1 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at her home. She had been ill the past four years.

Mrs. Todd was a homemaker.

She loved working with crafts, gardening and landscaping.

She was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Rome City to Willis and Gola (Greenawalt) Gonser. She married James L. Todd on May 17, 1997. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tresa and Will Jones of Three Rivers, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Shirley Yoder of Bronson, Mich.; a sister, Gloria Gonser of Sturgis, Mich.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Walter and Mary Lou Gonser of LaGrange, Morse and Thelma Gosner of Big Cliffy, Ky., and William Gonser of Topeka; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Yoder; and three brothers, Robert, Dale and Wayne Gonser.

There are no services.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice.

Yoder-Clup Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Haleigh Combs

KENDALLVILLE — Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home for Haleigh Brynn Combs who was stillborn Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville to Kristy Lee Mapes and Justin Alan Combs.

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Rev. Dr. Thomas Weigand

ELKHART — The Rev. Dr. Thomas Weigand, 81, of Elkhart died at 5:20 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Rev. Weigand was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1955 and served many churches in the North Indiana Conference including Columbia City and Richville United Methodist Church in Ligonier.

He received a bachelor's degree from Taylor University in 1951 and a master's degree in religious studies from Butler University. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from DePauw University for his service to the community and lifetime ministry and leadership to the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Weigand held positions on the board of directors for several service organizations and had served as a missionary in Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay and Panama.

He served in 9th Air Force during World War II and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star. Following the war, he was employed as a draftsman and assistant production manager at Weis Manufacturing.

He enjoyed boating, golfing, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was born June 1, 1924, in Monroe, Mich., to Thomas Sr. and Madeline (Pace) Weigand. He married Lois Taylor on Sept. 14, 1946, in Monore. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia and William Carothers of Fairfield, Conn., and Tricia Shelton of Elkhart; two sons, Tim Weigand of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Mark Weigand of Indianapolis; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Xen Lemmon of Muncie and Nancy and Bob Placido of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart with the Rev. Robert Dexter, superintendent Michiana District of the United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Lore Blinn Gibson, associate pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Northern Indiana Branch, 2004 Ironwood Circle No. 140, South Bend, IN 46635 or to the United Methodist Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund for seminary students in care of the Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart, IN 46514.

Mary Clouse

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Jane (Hisey) Clouse, 72, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 17, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Clouse had moved to the Kendallville area 36 years ago from Florida.

She had been employed at Epic, formerly Handy & Harmon, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Clouse was a graduate of Rome City High School.

She was born Oct. 22, 1933, in Brimfield to Kenneth and Anna (Hofferman) Hisey.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Clouse of Avilla; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diana Lynn Walker and Deborah and Terry Mobley, all of Kendallville, and Donna and Wade Brinkman of Rome City; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Don and Wanita Hisey of Auburn, Jim Hisey of Brimfield and Terry and Brenda Hisey of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Lee Clouse; and two sisters, Beverly Corder and Patricia Dixon.

Gravesides services will be at noon Saturday at Orange Cemetery at Rome City. Pallbearers will be Jason Brinkman, Justin Brinkman, Chad Walker, Dustin Mobley, John Dixon and Carl Baermann.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home) is in charge of services.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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Mary Spieth

MONROEVILLE — Mary "LuAnn" Spieth, 69, of Monroeville died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at home following a three-year illness.

Mrs. Spieth

Mrs. Spieth was born June 11, 1936, in Monroeville to Lorrel and Miriam (Parnin) Rhodes. She was married to Richard E. Spieth on Dec. 22, 1957, at the Monroeville United Methodist Church in Monroeville. He survives.

She taught at Monroeville Elementary School for 32 years, retiring in 1990. She was a graduate of Monroeville High School's class of 1954 and went on to attend Ball State Teacher's College, where she received her bachelor's degree in 1958 and her master's degree in 1963.

She was a member of the Monroeville United Methodist Church and a life member of the National Education Association. She belonged to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 420, American Association of Retired Persons and the Navy Club. She enjoyed reading, needlework, baking, cooking and traveling.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly A. and Michael Tons of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregg R. and Shelley Spieth of Monroeville; and four grandchildren, Brittany Johnson, Stephanie Tons, Ashley Spieth and Halie Spieth.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, with the Rev. William H. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, and also from 1 p.m. until services at the church on Sunday.

Memorials are to Monroeville Emergency Medical Service or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.zwickjahn.com.

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Bernita Moore

AUBURN — Bernita "Bernie" Moore, 91, of Auburn and formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., died Thursday, March 16, 2006, after a short stay in Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Moore worked as a hair stylist for many years and had many loyal and devoted customers. She volunteered her time and talents to many charitable organizations and made her family the focus of her life.

She was a longtime member of St. Augustine and St. Monica parishes and a member and past president of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was active in the Workers of Mary and also served as a eucharistic minister. In 2002, she moved to Auburn to be close to her daughter, Julie Finn.

She was born June 3, 1914, in Lakeville, Minn., the second of nine children of Leo and Mary (Barnes) Ryan. She grew up on the family farm, then moved to Kalamazoo at the age of 21.

On May 30, 1942, she married John "Joe" Moore. He died in 1990.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Joe Finn of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Laura Leigh Moore of Dallas, Texas, Dick and Sandy Moore of Troy, Mich., and Bob and Cindy Moore of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and more than 100 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters, Dorance, Joe, William, Blanch, Donna, Mary Ann, Robert and Mark.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Monica Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Life Story Funeral Home, Betzler-Kalamazoo, 6080 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich. A prayer service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Her personal Web page is at www.lifestorynet.com, where visitors can read her life story, archive a favorite memory, order flowers or make a memorial contribution to the American Cancer Society.

Haleigh Combs

KENDALLVILLE — Haleigh Brynn Combs was stillborn on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She is survived by her parents, Kristina Mapes and Justin Combs of Kendallville; maternal grandparents, Dennis and Hazel Mapes of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Betty Sue Gose of LaGrange and John Combs of Howe; a maternal great-grandmother, Martha Mapes of Kendallville; and two paternal great-grandmothers, Tillie Stevens of Kendallville and Verna Combs of LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dan Barker will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

To send condolences, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sharon Boese

HUDSON — Sharon Ann Boese, 50, of Hudson died Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Mrs. Boese was born Feb. 27, 1956, in Elwood to James W. and Eleanor G. (Birtcher) McGinnis. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Roger L. Boese of Hudson; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Carl R. William Boese and Kevin L. and Megan (Smith) Boese, all of Hudson; a grandson, Elijah P. Wallen of Hudson; four sisters, Genney Lou Hunsberger of Kendallville, Linda Essig of Arcadia, Jackie Artis of St. Louis Crossing and Cynthia Snyder of Ashley; three brothers, James W. McGinnis of Marysville, Tenn., Gary G. McGinnis of Dorr, Mich., and Calvin R. McGinnis of Summerville, S.C.; 17 nieces; and 12 nephews.

Mrs. Boese was also preceded in death by two nephews, Gary Artis and Arron J. Leeman; and a niece, Amy D. Rittenhouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Frances Richards

KENDALLVILLE — Frances M. Richards, 94, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Richards was employed with J.C. Penney in Kendallville and retired from House of Fabrics in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, where she was involved with the Women's Circle.

Mrs. Richards

She was born Nov. 23, 1911, in Kendallville to Archie and Minnie (Childs) Isbell. She graduated from Kendallville High School. She married Myron Richards on July 8, 1933, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 1983.

Mrs. Richards is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Pat Richards of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Madeline and Bill McKee of Hudson; four grandchildren and their spouses, Terry and Marcia McKee and Brenda and Dean Burch, all of Hudson, and Ron and Connie Richards and Mandy and Dan Moore, all of Kendallville; 11 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Charles A. Richards in 1998; and two brothers, Bob and Paul Isbell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Toole will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

To send condolences, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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James Hart

LAGRANGE — James Franklin Hart of LaGrange died Friday, March 17, 2006, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Marie Drerup

KENDALLVILLE — Marie Drerup, 87, of Kendallville died at 2:20 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, in Hickory Creek nursing home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home) in Kendallville.

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Louis Davis

ANGOLA — Louis H. Davis, 80, of Angola died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Davis was a teacher at Anderson Community Schools in Indianapolis for 15 years and at Ivy Tech for six years. A graduate of Indiana State University, he started the electronic engineering course at Ivy Tech. He also owned Star Television Sales & Service in Angola, retiring after 10 years in 1961.

Mr. Davis

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served for four years. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola; past commander and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, George Anspaugh post 7205; and a member of the Indianapolis Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Davis was born Aug. 6, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Floyd and Edna (Sams) Davis. He married Willa (Kope) Davis on Nov. 21, 1944. She survives.

He is also survived by two daughters, Cynthia Ann Reed of Milton, Del., and Pamela "Penny" Klitzke of Baraboo, Wis.; two brothers, Richard Davis of Biloxi, Miss., and Herman Davis of Rockville, Md.; a sister, Retha Frye of LaGrange; seven grandchildren, Carmen Kowagoye, Mark Konopasek, Michelle Pogodzinski, Kimberly Wergin, James Ciery, Steven Ciery and Melissa Batula; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert, Raymond and Bobby Gene Davis; and a sister, Betty Shepherd.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will be in Kope Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the American Heart Association.

Jesse Taapken Jr.

MILLERSBURG — Jesse Clifford Taapken Jr., 46, of Georgetown, Ill., died Thursday, March 16, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Taapken worked as a mechanic until he was disabled in 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and had served at Scott Air Force Base. He loved NASCAR, fishing, spending time with his family and reading and was skilled in gardening and woodworking. He was affiliated with Harvestime Christian Center in Georgetown. He had lived in Wyoming and Montana for 10 years before moving to Georgetown.

He was born July 1, 1959, in Springfield, Ill., to Jesse C. and Carole Taapken. His mother survives in Georgetown; his father preceded him in death.

Mr. Taapken is also survived by a daughter, Nicole Renee Taapken of Russell, Minn.; a son, Devyn Miles Taapken of Macon, Ill.; four siblings and their spouses, Randy and Missie Taapken of Beardstown, Ill., Lisa and John Crain of Westville, Ill., Tony Taapken of Elkhart and Michael and Sonia Taapken of Billings, Mont.; 10 nephews; three nieces; and four great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his grandparents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Kline Funeral Home, 110 W. Washington St., Millersburg. Ed Vegh of The New Life Center of South Bend will officiate. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adams Ney, Randleman, N.C. 27317.

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Local artist left wonderful legacy

I sit and read of dragons and
Their riders in the sky;
And sip my minted tea,
While autumn geese fly by.
— "Mythic Musing" by Verna Hutchinson

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — Verna Hutchinson may be gone, but because she was such a prolific artist, she will never be forgotten.

Verna's passion for art manifested itself in many different ways. She had worked in photography and visual merchandising and was also a painter, writer and illustrator. She studied on scholarships at the Art Institute of Chicago.

The Fremont resident's paintings are in private collections throughout the United States and England, and she consigned her paintings to a variety of galleries and museums. She focused mainly on nature — muted paintings of gentle flowers, butterflies and rabbits. But she also did some fantasy-themed works featuring smiling moons, fairies and dragons.

To make sure her works were as realistic as possible, Verna would visit arboretums and botanical gardens, taking photographs and specimens whenever she could.

"I want to get things they way they're supposed to be," Verna said in a 1993 interview for "Summer Place," a Steuben Printing Co. publication. "I've learned to look at (my subjects) as individuals. They're like people — people aren't identical, and so no two leaves are identical in nature."

Many of her paintings had been for sale at Potawatomi Inn at Lake James, and on her 81st birthday this past Nov. 7, Verna decided it was time to round up her works — there were about 80 of them in circulation — and make sure they were distributed to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"I think she knew she wasn't going to live a lot longer," said Verna's daughter, Laurel Baker. "She had me pick up everything that was out so all the kids, grandkids and great-grandkids could have a painting."

Verna's four children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren all chose one her works to keep.

"Even the 1-year-olds got to pick something," Laurel said with a smile.

Verna was also an accomplished author. She was a published poet in the National Library of Poetry.

Verna lived in Chicago, Wisconsin and at Lake James before moving to Fremont. During World War II, Laurel said, Verna was the manager of a photo studio in California.

Laurel always remembers her mother being artistic.

"She made us paper dolls," she said.

It was while Verna was living in Thornton, Ill. that the first showing of her art was held. Laurel reached into a large portfolio containing both finished and unfinished drawings, paintings, poems, manuscripts and other items of her mother's, and produced a slightly-yellowed newspaper clipping frm the Harvey Tribune in Illinois dated April 25, 1965.

The clipping includes a photograph of a young, smiling Verna Hutchinson surrounded by many of her own paintings.

That showing was hardly the last the world would see of Verna Hutchinson's art. Her work has been consigned at such venues as Oak Tree Gallery in Dyer and the Sales, Rental Gallery of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Ogles Gallery, Baker's Clear Lake Inn and MJ's at Clays, all in Fremont.

In an undated synopsis she wrote about her life as an artist (it was written sometime after 1998, as she wrote of the dissolution of the Tri-State Artist's Guild that happened that year), Verna said, "I paint

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Mrs. Hutchinson

the flowers that I grow to capture and sustain their fleeting beauty. As a child I collected butterflies and insects, and although conscience no longer permits that, I love to paint them. I feed the wild birds and enjoy observing their behavior, which I record in my drawings and paintings and in a nature journal."

She was also a competitor, winning a best of show about 10 years ago at the Tri-Kappa Art Show in Auburn. In 1993, she placed second with one of her water color paintings in a photo and art competition sponsored by Steuben Printing Co. The year before that, another Steuben Printing Co. contest garnered her a second place finish for her poetry.

"I've always been into nature and botany," Verna said in the "Summer Place" interview.

For the past 15 years, Verna had been working on illustrating a book for author John Sabuco. The tome, "The Best of the Hardiest," is a reference book about flowers and plants. Verna did 800 illustrations for the volume, which is slated to hit store shelves this year.

Verna met John Sabuco "completely by accident," Laurel said. They were in an art supply store in Chicago when they started talking.

"He was just taken with her," Laurel said.

Laurel said all the original drawings Verna did for the book have been donated to the Fremont Public Library, where they are all cataloged and available for perusal in the reference department.

"She really knew her stuff," Laurel said with obvious pride. "She knew the Latin names of the plants and everything."

Verna also illustrated another nature reference book, "The Key," which was written by Floyd Swink and published in 1990.

She had three of her own books (which she wrote and illustrated) published — a volume of children's stories and poetry called "Mr. McMonster and Other Tales" in 1991; "Friends," a story about a child's adjustment to a new home; and "New Baby Angel," a collection of poems about the loss of a child.

Having those books published was more than Verna had ever hoped for.

"My whole ambition was to have one book published for my grandchildren," she said in 1993.

One of the manuscripts in Verna's portfolio is titled "The Cycle of Nature in Steuben County." Laurel said she plans to see about having it published.

Verna died on March 5. She was diagnosed with cancer last September. Days before she died, she told her family she wanted to go to a nursing home.

"She said that was what she wanted, and she wanted it now," Laurel said. "That's how she was about things. That's how she'd always been."

The walls of Laurel's house are covered with original works by her mother, her son, friends and Laurel herself.

"We have original artwork everywhere," she said.

Laurel's son Brian is a painter, and her son Adam is a musician. Her sister Pam draws, as do Verna's granddaughters Heather and Elise. At the age of 5, Verna's great-grandson Ian is showing artistic tendencies.

"The gene," Laurel said with a smile, "definitely got passed on."

Laurel said over the years, she and her mother sometimes had work at the same juried shows.

"She won some, I won some," she said.

Laurel said she feels blessed that her mother left so much of herself behind when it was time for her to go.

"Mom has left a huge legacy behind," she said. "Her life's work is just unbelievable when you look at all she's done."

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Carl Mueller

FREMONT — Carl F. Mueller, 88, of Clear Lake, Fremont died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mueller was the former general manager of Tony's Bakery and a former employee of Napoleon Spring Works, both in Napoleon, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel and Clear Lake Lions Club.

Mr. Mueller

He was born July 14, 1917, in Freedom Township, Henry County, Ohio, to Frederick and Mary (Von Deylen) Mueller. He graduated from Napoleon High School in 1935. He married Ann M. (Bauer) Mueller on April 21, 1940, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. She survives.

Mr. Mueller is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Koehlinger of Fort Wayne and Joan and Jay Soloman of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; and two grandsons, Michael and Daniel Soloman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel at Clear Lake. Pastor Mark Gaertner will officiate. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery with military committal services conducted by the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel.

Dwight Hall

AUBURN — Dwight E. Hall, 61, of Auburn died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Orville Coburn

ST. JOE — Orville Coburn, 89, of St. Joe died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Lois Marsh

LIGONIER — Lois M. Marsh, 75, of Ligonier died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Marsh owned and operated Magic Mirror Beauty Salon for over 30 years. A lifelong Noble County resident, she was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. She enjoyed attending classic car shows and Elaine's Dance Studio recitals, crafts and quilting. Her family and friends were very important to her.

Mrs. Marsh

She was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Noble County to Louis and Freida Marie (Christianson) Damon. Her mother died in childbirth, and she was raised by Madeline Damon Stienbarger. She married Dennis L. Marsh on May 20, 1977, in Ligonier. He survives.

Mrs. Marsh is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Troy Hershberger and Cindy and Don Bahus, all of Ligonier; a son, Mark Weaver of Belton, S.C.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Thomas and Michelle Marsh of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, JoAnn and Kenny Franks of Wawaka and Bette and Kenny Sanford of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Laura Jean Crossland.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Jean Ness will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

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Marie Drerup

KENDALLVILLE — Marie Drerup, 87, of Kendallville died at 2:20 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, in Hickory Creek nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Drerup

Mrs. Drerup retired from McCray Refrigeration Corp., Kendallville, after 30-plus years of service. A lifetime area resident, she was a member and past senior regent of the Kendallville Moose Lodge, a Cub Scout den mother and a member of the Corunna Town Board for several years.

She was born Feb. 27, 1919, in Kimmell to Charles and Celeste Pearl (Doll) Hontz. She married Woodrow Wilson Drerup on May 30, 1937, in Corunna. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1991.

Mrs. Drerup is survived by a son, Owen L. Drerup of Kendallville; two grandchildren and their spouses, Charles O. and Christy Drerup and Deborah and Tom Walterhouse, all of Kendallville; five great-grandchildren, Lucas Drerup, Bo Drerup, Olivia Drerup, Lydia Walterhouse and Abigail Walterhouse; and a brother, Herbert Hontz of Florida.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Merle Hontz; a sister, Mildred Smith; and a daughter-in-law, Susie Drerup.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, in Kendallville. The Revs. Jim Gillette and Jason Hollopeter will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Tom Walterhouse, Chuck Drerup, Art Charles, Steve Jordan, Eric Burtch and Kelly Charles. Honorary casket-bearers will be Bess and Hugh Miller, Bonnie Carunchia, Paul Hathaway, Bob and Freda Hathaway, Fairy and Jay Christian, David and Lynn Hontz, Herbert Hontz, John Hontz and June Jordan.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

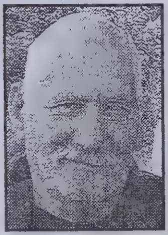
Memorials are to the town of Corunna and the Corunna Fire Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

James Hart

LAGRANGE — James Franklin Hart, 78, of LaGrange died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Hart was a self-employed auto mechanic, formerly worked in well drilling and tree trimming and had delivered newspapers for a number of years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.


Mr. Hart

He was born June 20, 1927, in LaGrange to James Buchanan Hart and Margie Lucille Robbins. He married Mary Ellen (Johnson) Hart on July 15, 1962, in South Milford. She survives.

Mr. Hart is also survived by five daughters and two sons-in-law, Claudia Hart, Della and Gregg Pierce and Sue Hart, all of Kendallville, Debbie and Michael Stroup of Howe and Tamara Hart-Goodman of Louisville, Ky.; two sons, Ty Hart of LaGrange and Jay Hart of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edward Franklin Hart in 2004.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Cremation will follow, with burial at a later date.

Calling will be three hours prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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George Calhoon

BRONSON, Mich. — Longtime Noble Township Supervisor George M. Calhoon, 80, of Noble Township, died late Thursday, March 16, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County. He had been in failing health.

Mr. Calhoon was first elected to township office on his 21st birthday and has held township office continuously for over 59 years, except for two years he served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Korea after being drafted. He has served as supervisor since 1972. Prior to that, he held the office of township clerk and township treasurer. He has been township assessor since 1972.

He was a farmer and his hobbies were farm-related, including fixing machinery and figuring out what made it work. He was a member of the Bronson Rural Fire Association for over 40 years, serving as president for 27 years; a 4-H leader for 40 years; a member of the Farm Services Agency County Committee for 30 years; and a member of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Calhoon was born Nov. 5, 1925, to Howard M. and Lorana Elizabeth (Mallow) Calhoon. He was born in the same house he lived in until his death. He graduated from Orland High School in 1943 and immediately started working the farm that has been his family's since 1840. He married Mary Joan (Ward) Calhoon on Oct. 10, 1954, in Bronson. She survives.

He is also survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, JoLynn Miller, Jill Lane and Jerry Bucklin and Janet Lee and Dana Rifenburgh, all of Bronson; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Eliza Lane Hopkins of Homer; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Joy Ward of Bronson; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Calhoon was preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law, a brother-in-law and a sister-in-law.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Family Life Center of Pleasant Hill Missionary Church. The Rev. Dale Walterhouse will officiate. Burial will be in North Gilead Cemetery.

Calling will be from 12:30-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Pleasant Hill Church and the Bronson Rural Fire Association in lieu of flowers.

Kolz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.kolcz.com.

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Community leader Atz dies

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KENDALLVILLE — Longtime civic leader John Atz died at 4:30 this morning in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident last week.

Atz, 82, had been hospitalized with neck and leg injuries since being involved in a multi-car crash Wednesday on U.S. 6 near Wawaka.

He was active in the Noble County business community, economic development and service club organizations for more than a half century.

"From Kendallville to Ligonier and everywhere in between John was devoted to Noble County and a model to anyone who cares about being community-oriented," said Dave Knopp, executive director of the Noble County Community Foundation, with whom Atz worked to honor his wife by establishing the Julia L. Atz Scholarship Fund in 2004 for students pursuing careers in classical music performance or conducting.

In 2000, the Kendallville Area

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ATZ: *Businessman, philanthropist was honored in 2000*

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Chamber of Commerce honored John and Julia Atz as Citizens of the Year.

"John Atz was one of the most dedicated individuals we knew, not only to his family and business but to our church, our community, and our alma mater, Indiana University," said Jane Roush, former executive director of the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Atz's grandfather, Albert Atz, had two sons. The eldest, Julius Atz, was one of the co-founders of Atz Furniture in 1922 in Goshen, which closed in 1958. The Kendallville store, originally located at the corner of Main and Mitchell streets, opened in 1928, and, in 1942, Atz Furniture opened its Ligonier location. The younger brother, Ralph Atz, went into the ice cream business.

John Atz eventually took over the furniture business from his father.

"John Atz was a strong community leader with a fantastic sense of humor," said Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe. "He was one of the most chivalrous men I have ever known. It is a loss to the community."

"John Atz was a man of faith, family and community," said the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker. "He was a man of great character and integrity who will always be deeply regarded." Barker, who is the former associate pastor of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, is pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Atz was past president, past treasurer and past secretary of the Northeast Indiana IU Alumni Chapter.

"He was such a champion for Indiana University," said Anita Hess, past president of the Northeast Indiana IU Alumni Chapter. "He always felt every child needed an opportunity to seek a better education. His allegiance was with IU, but he was a champion of no matter what school. He was such a caring, thoughtful man. A really honorable man and a great promoter of Kendallville."

"Kendallville has been very good to us," Atz said when he and his wife were named Citizens of the Year in 2000. "We plan to keep at it (continue serving the community) for a while longer."

Services for Mr. Atz are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Keith Combs

GARRETT — Keith A. Combs, 34, of Garrett was found dead at his residence on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home).

Dorotha Ramsey

CHURUBUSCO — Dorotha Ramsey of Churubusco died at 5:10 a.m. today, Monday, March 20, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Franklin Jacob

ALBION — Franklin Robert Jacob, 86, of Albion died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Jacob had lived in Noble County since 1920.

He was a retired farmer and salesman for Pioneer Seeds.

Mr. Jacob enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and served from 1941 to 1945 in Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army. He received four Bronze Stars and a Defensive Service Medal.

He was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Community Church and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born Sept. 28, 1919, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Frank and Alma (Weller) Jacob. He married Dolores Valere Olinghouse on Aug. 12, 1945, at Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two son and daughters-in-law, Steven Franklin and Cinda Jacob of Syracuse and Stanley Roy and Nancy Jacob of Albion; two sisters, Ilene Young of Kendallville and Leona Schwalbe of Bloomington, Ill.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Rachel Myers, Janet and Scott Rashley, Rebecca and Mark Schroeder, Michael and Cara Jacob and Jeffrey and Melanie Jacob; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Wauneta Reed; a brother, D. Elon Jacob; and daughter-in-law, Phyllis (Loving) Jacob.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rehoboth Missionary Community Church, rural Albion, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with graveside services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Community Church or the Albion Fire Department First Responder Program.

Dwight Hall

AUBURN — Dwight E. Hall, 61, of Auburn died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hall

Mr. Hall worked for 32 years as a millwright at Auburn Foundry, retiring in 2003. He served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967 in Vietnam. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center.

He was born Dec. 29, 1944, in Paris, Ky., to Homer and Esther (Shell) Hall. His father survives in Greensburg, S.C. His mother and stepfather, Paul Lautzenhiser, preceded him in death.

He married Lois K. Perry on Sept. 21, 1979, in Campton, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dwight E. Hall II of Auburn; a daughter, Shela Ridenour of Angola; six sisters, Florence Bivens and Laura Pavao, both of Florida, Lois Westfall of Michigan, Mary DeGraw of Waterloo, Ruth Alison of Mississippi and Sarah Hawk of Fort Wayne; four brothers, David Lautzenhiser of Virginia, Sam Lautzenhiser of Avilla and John and Tom Lautzenhiser, both of Huntington; his brothers and sisters on the Hall side of the family, Pauline, Goldie, Opal, Susie, Waneta, Alouse, Elyvan, Emma Jean, Goble and Donnie; six grandchildren, Amber, Ashley and Jacob Ridenour and Aaron, Tianna and Austin Hall; and two great-grandchildren, Braiden Faye Storrjohann and Peyton Harli Storrjohann.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul Homer Hall; two sisters, Pat Volkert and Sue Miller; and a brother, Arther Lautzenhiser.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

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Orville Coburn

ST. JOE — Orville R. "Babe" Coburn, 89, of St. Joe died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Coburn

He retired in 1996 from Canterbury Green apartment complex in Fort Wayne, where he was a repairman. He was the co-owner of Witt's TV Appliance store in Grabill.

Mr. Coburn was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Church of Christ in St. Joe and Jack Brinker Post 409 of the American Legion at Leo.

He was born April 16, 1916, in Newville to Earl L. and Jessie (Freeburn) Coburn.

On Sept. 21, 1938, in Harlan, he married Esther L. (Richards) Coburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Susie and Lynn Witt of Grabill and Kay L. Zeisloft of Auburn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Tami and Pete Smith, Jennie and Tom Boese, Jeff and Brigette Witt, Jeremy Zeisloft and Sarah and Chadd Kelley; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert B. "Mutt" Coburn, Victor G. "John" Coburn and Wilbur C. "Ching" Coburn; two sisters, Agatha "Gay" Wasson and Viola R. Dressel; a son-in-law, Bradd C. Zeisloft; and a grandchild, Michael L. Witt.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with a graveside service by Leo American Legion Post 409.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ancile Overmyer

ROCHESTER — Ancile F. Overmyer, 87, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Wakarusa.

Mrs. Overmyer was a homemake and had worked as a substitute teacher and as a secretary for the United Methodist churches in Peru and Urbana. She was a 1936 graduate of Winamac High School and graduated from a seminary in Naperville, Ill., in 1942.

She was a former resident of the Bruce Lake and Burton areas.

She was born May 13, 1918, near Winamac in Pulaski County, to Williston and Gladys Stanfield Linn.

She married C. Samuel Overmyer on July 11, 1938, in Rochester. He died Aug. 25, 2005.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha Ann and Richard "Dick" Frain of The Villages, Fla., Mary Ann and Gerald Spranger of Zionsville and Marcia and David Parsons of Goshen; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Walter and Heidi Linn of Warsaw and Wayne Linn of Mexico, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Marjorie Linn and Mary Phillipy; and two brothers, Dayne and Donald Linn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. (S.R. 14), Rochester. Pastor Pam Kling will officiate. Burial will be in Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Methodist Women and Servants in Faith and Technology, 2944 County Line Road 113, Lineville, AL 36266.

Condolences may be sent to goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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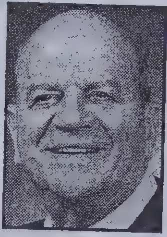
John Atz

KENDALLVILLE — John Albert Atz, 82, of Kendallville died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Atz

Mr. Atz had been associated with Atz Furniture since 1946. His father, Julius, started the business in Goshen in 1922. The business expanded to Kendallville in 1928 and Ligonier in 1942.

He graduated from Goshen High School in 1941 and enrolled at Indiana University in the fall of 1941. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in business in 1946.

Mr. Atz was an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge F&AM, the Kendallville and Ligonier Rotary Clubs since 1963, the Noble County Fair Board and American Legion Post 86.

He was a member of the Indiana University Alumni Association and had received the Member of the Year award from the Northeast Indiana Alumni Chapter where he was a past president, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Atz currently was serving on the Kendallville Economic Development Steering Committee.

He was born Nov. 4, 1923, in Goshen to Julius A. and Cora Louise (Gose) Atz. He married Julie LaNea Schrock on Sept. 14, 1947, in Goshen. She survives.

The couple were named Citizens of the Year in 2000.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Fagas of Fort Wayne and Catherine and Fred Kreigh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph A. and Theresa Atz of Kendallville; and four grandchildren, Jenna Marie Atz, Dustin Kreigh, Scott Kreigh and Samuel Kreigh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of Rush and State streets, Kendallville, with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services. Pallbearers will be Jerry Kessler, Al Huth, Kevin Sabrosky, Terry Housholder, Larry Doyle and Steve Pyle. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Lang, Glen Walrich, Mike Davidson and Bob Bruce.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the Masonic Children's Home in Franklin or Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Fisher

FREMONT — Donald O. Fisher, 64, of Fremont died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fisher

Mr. Fisher was born Oct. 12, 1941, in Angola to Alvin L. Fisher and Maxine (Brooks) Morley. He was married to Brenda Tolliver on March 1, 1963, in Lincoln, Neb., and she survives.

He was an over the road truck driver, and was employed by Heartland Express in Iowa City, Iowa. He formerly owned Bassett's restaurant in Angola and Dairy Treat in Fremont.

He was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed fishing. He was a graduate of Angola High School and a Vietnam War U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a member of the American Legion and the Over the Road Drivers Association.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Fisher of Fremont; three daughters and a son-in-law, Ronda Bates of Fremont, Kelly and Brad Hesting of Roanoke and Karla Fisher of Noblesville; his mother, Maxine Morley of Angola; three sisters, Cheryl Smith of Concord, Ohio, Lee Kohlmeier and Gina Miller, both of Angola; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

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Dortha Ramsey

CHURUBUSCO — Dortha E. Ramsey, 84, of Churubusco died Monday, March 20, 2006, at 5:10 a.m. at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill since January.

Mrs. Ramsey was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring as a machine operator in 1984.

She was a member of the General Electric Elex Club, the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 Auxiliary in Churubusco and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846 Auxiliary. She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1939. She enjoyed bowling, playing bingo and going to casinos. She was a lifelong Churubusco-area resident.

She was born Jan. 3, 1922, in Swan Township in Noble County to Frank and Bessie (Addis) Christlieb. They preceded her in death.

She married Orval A. Ramsey on May 8, 1945. He died June 29, 1994.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Paul A. and Sharon Christlieb of Churubusco; four sisters-in-law, Lucy Marie Christlieb of Garrett, Frances Lithieum and her husband, Edward, of Garrett, Wanda Chapman of Snow Lake and Hulda Thornburg of Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Youquelet; and three brothers, Milton W. Christlieb, Roscoe "Frank" Christlieb and Richard Christlieb.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Keith Combs

GARRETT — Keith A. Combs, 34, of Garrett was found dead in his home on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Mr. Combs had been employed at Phoenix Mechanical in Garrett and had been an electrician in Fort Wayne.

He had lived in the area 14 years.

Mr. Combs was active in football and wrestling at East Noble High School. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and had played league softball in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Combs

His children were the focus and highlight of his life and he had been proud to be a member of the family delegation when his uncle, Fred Zollner, was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Combs attended Broadway Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 4, 1971, in Kendallville to Silas R. and Kaye (Jarrett) Combs. His father is deceased and his mother and stepfather, Kaye and Pastor Robert Fisher, survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter, Courtney Bobay of St. Joe; a son, Lucas A. Bobay of St. Joe; his maternal grandmother, Norma Lovely of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Melinda and Chad Wallen of Fort Wayne; a niece, Cayla Collins; two nephews, Ian Wallen and Cyle Ray Wallen; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home) with Pastor Ken Sistrunk officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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Gary Marks

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gary Lee Marks, 51, of Wolcottville died at 4:53 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Marks

Mr. Marks had been self-employed in the construction and roofing industry.

He was a lifetime area resident and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Mr. Marks was born May 12, 1954, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Harry and Dorothy (Walburn) Marks. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Wolcottville.

He married Lesley (Carnahan) Lilly on May 3, 2003, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Shawn Marks of Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepsons and their wives, Richard Lilly of Auburn, and Jack and Shannon Lilly and Mike and Lisa Lilly, all of Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry and Jan Marks of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jack and Debbie Marks of Sterline, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Chuck Siebert of Reno, Nev.; two grandchildren, Greg Marks and Schawna Marks, both of South Bend; and five stepgrandchildren, Shawnda Lawrence, Jestene Lilly, Jayden Lilly, Alissa Egly and Derek Lilly.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Marks.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, (formerly Hutchins Funeral Home), with Pastor Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

Tony Swinehart

MILLERSBURG — Tony L. Swinehart, 55, of Millersburg died at 12:54 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Swinehart was a truck driver for Elkhart County Gravel.

He was a gunsmith, gun collector and avid shooter.

Mr. Swinehart was born April 10, 1950, in Goshen to Tony (Otis) and Martha (Bailey) Swinehart. They are deceased. He married Connie Wagner on March 23, 1968, in New Paris. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori Yoder of Millersburg and Stacie and Keith Kiser of Kimmell; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony Scott and Kelly Swinehart of New Paris and Jeff and Cindy Swinehart of Millersburg; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas and Diane Swinehart of Millersburg; 10 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Toni Jean Swinehart.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. Fed Walls of Millersburg Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Rifle Association.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Giles Long

LAGRANGE — Giles D. "Jiggs" Long, 93, of LaGrange died Monday, March 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Long

Mr. Long was a lifetime LaGrange resident.

He was a retired farmer and former DeKalb Seed dealer. He had been employed at Harter Corp. in Sturgis, Mich., was a former agent, director and president of Farmers Mutual Rescue Insurance.

Mr. Long was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and had been a 61-year member of the K of P Lodge in LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 30, 1912, in LaGrange to Pius A. and Io Bernice (Adams) Long. He married Ruth M. Shultz on June 19, 1937, in Howe. She died Feb. 25, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Kenneth Bousner of LaGrange; a son, Richard C. Long of LaGrange; two sisters, Madola Sprague of LaGrange and Marjorie Clum of Northville, Mich.; a brother, Robert Long of Howe; and a grandson, Evan Giles Long of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Knapp; and a brother, Clarence Long.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Tony Hostetler

GOSHEN — Tony Jay Hostetler, 45, of Goshen died at the scene of a one-vehicle traffic accident at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2006, north of Goshen.

Mr. Hostetler

Mr. Hostetler had worked in the maintenance department at Supreme Corp. in Goshen as an electrician.

He enjoyed NASCAR, country music line dancing and helping his children with the Elkhart County 4-H Dog Club.

Mr. Hostetler had raced dirt bikes at one time.

He had attended Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen.

He was born June 29, 1960, in LaGrange to Jay Dee and Karlyn (Bobeck) Hostetler. They survive.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ashley Noel Hostetler, at home; a son, Travis Jay Hostetler, at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Leslie Hostetler and Tim and Jill Hostetler, all of Shipshewana; and two ex-wives, Joyce Ann Hostetler of Kendallville and Carla Mishler-Hostetler of Goshen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with Pastor Matt Ransom of Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen officiating. Burial will Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to a trust fund for his children at First State Bank.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Larry McCoy

AVILLA — Larry D. McCoy, 65, of rural Avilla died today, March 21, 2006, at 2:20 a.m. at his family home in Swan Township. He had been in seriously declining health for the past 21 months.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa (Griswold) McCoy; his mother, Mildred McCoy of Kendallville; six daughters and five sons-in-law, Deborah and Brian Riecke, Cindy and Steve Inman and Leslie and Bob Semprini, all of Huntertown, Kathy and Doran Peacock of Kendallville, Kimberly Beancardi of Kokomo and Lisa and Paul Buchanan of Churubusco; three stepchildren and their spouses, Holley and Jose Ramon and William and Chelsea Born, all of Fort Wayne, and Jennifer Born of Avilla; and three sisters, Joyce, Glenda and Donna.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Anita Davis

FORT WAYNE — Anita L. Davis, 73, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 19, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Davis was born in New Albany. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Jennifer Jo and Don Vollmer of Fremont, Kaye L. and Joe Libby of Lafayette, Beverly J. and Tom Ade of Fort Wayne, Bridget A. and Ron Wolsky of Cooper City, Fla., and Joanne M. Davis of Bonita Springs, Fla.; two sons, Anthony P. Davis of Tucson, Ariz., and Timothy L. Davis of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Elayne M. Bruder-Davis of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Davis in 2004; and son, Jeffrey S. Davis in 2001.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is also from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Presentation Academy, 861 S 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

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Frederick Petre

WATERLOO — Frederick D. Petre, 75, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Petre

Mr. Petre worked in the shipping and receiving department at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 17 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and the Bass Masters Fishing Club, and he played the drums in the Don Warstler Country Boys Band for several years.

He was born July 25, 1929, in Hamilton to John Frederick and Elsie (Rogers) Petre. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Cook on Sept. 23, 1950, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and Sandra Petre of Waterloo, John and Carole Petre of Auburn and Frederick Petre Jr. of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Patrick Blanton of Ashley, Barbara Sanders of Auburn and Beth and Tom Jensen of Ashley; three brothers, Andrew Petre of Albion, Gary Petre of Waterloo and Roger Petre of Butler; three sisters, Ellen Mae Brigle of Longwood, Fla., Juanetta Cook of Montpelier, Ohio, and Mary Aschelman of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Petre; and a brother, Richard Petre.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Roberta Bansbach

HAMILTON — Roberta Bansbach, 73, of Ball Lake near Hamilton died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory of Hamilton.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Tony Harden

FORT WAYNE — Tony Gene Harden, 43, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at his home.

He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Dawn E. Harden; his mother, Phyllis Harden of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Tonnya Simmerman, Dannell Pillman and Shelley Chaney, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Del Rio Harden of Kendallville and Scott Harden of Fort Wayne; and two half-brothers, Jerry Harden of Butler and Barry Harden of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from noon-1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the family.

Josephine Weaver

KENDALLVILLE — Josephine Isabelle Weaver, 95, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Weaver had formerly resided at Turkey Lake at Stroh for 40 years and prior to that for 12 years in New Haven.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Weaver was a 1927 graduate of Onward High School.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and a lifelong member of the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Weaver was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Waynedale and the Johnson Township Home Demonstration Club in LaGrange.

She was born July 26, 1910, in New Waverly to Gabrielle and Ida Annis (Bowman) Yoder. She married Roy J. Weaver on Sept. 23, 1929, in Anoka Methodist Church in Anoka. He died in March 1989.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald J. and Janet Weaver, and Dean Weaver, all of Indianapolis; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, at Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Private burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Peru.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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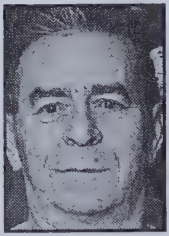
Morris Perkins

GARRETT — Morris Edward Perkins, 71, of Garrett died at 10:25 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Mr. Perkins

He had been a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home since January 2001 and had lived in Garrett for the previous 45 years.

Mr. Perkins was a truck driver for 15 years and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Dec. 21, 1934, in Ashley to Clarence and Leora (Landis) Perkins. They preceded him in death.

On June 3, 1955, in Taylor, S.C., he married Mary M. Pittman. She died Nov. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kay and Larry Lafevor of Avilla and April Perkins of Auburn; four grandchildren, Michelle Buhro and her husband, Brad, of Middletown, Mandy Davis and her husband, Corey, of St. Anne, Ill., Misty Parker and her husband, Bill, of Rome City and Mark Lafevor of Bourbonnais, Ill.; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Arnold Perkins of Wolcottville; and two sisters, Marilyn Hulen of Kendallville and Annabelle Conrad of Port Richey, Fla.

He also was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Carl Pittman; and mother-in-law, Elsie Pittman.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Tom Novy will officiate. Garrett American Legion Post 178 will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jerry Patterson

FORT WAYNE — Jerry L. Patterson, 65, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Patterson had retired from Navistar.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Deloris; four daughters, Monica, Sherry, Letha and Connie; two sons, Jim and Jerry Jr.; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ronald Groh and Richard Freed; and a sister, Glenys Russell.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will Friday from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Patricia Gerig

FORT WAYNE — Patricia E. Gerig, 75, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Born in Auburn, she worked for the Allen County Public Library and was a member of the Grabill Missionary Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Brian Quick of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and from 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grabill Missionary Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list additional relatives.*

Gary Marks

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gary Lee Marks, 51, of Wolcottville died at 4:53 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Marks

Mr. Marks had been self-employed in the construction and roofing industry.

He was a lifetime area resident and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Mr. Marks was born May 12, 1954, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Harry and Dorothy (Walburn) Marks. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Wolcottville.

He married Lesley (Carnahan) Lilly on May 3, 2003, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Shawn Marks of Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepsons and their wives, Richard Lilly of Auburn, and Jack and Shannon Lilly and Mike and Lisa Lilly, all of Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry and Jan Marks of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jack and Debbie Marks of Sterling, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Chuck Siebert of Reno, Nev., and Susan and Michael Donlan of South Bend; two grandchildren, Greg Marks and Schawna Marks, both of South Bend; and five stepgrandchildren, Shawnda Lawrence, Jestene Lilly, Jayden Lilly, Alissa Egly and Derek Lilly.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Marks.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, (formerly Hutchins Funeral Home), with Pastor Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley officiating.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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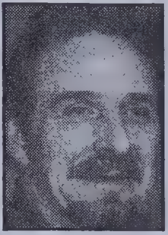
Larry McCoy

AVILLA — Larry D. McCoy, 65, of rural Avilla died at 2:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his family home in Swan Township. He had been in seriously declining health for the past 21 months.


Mr. McCoy

He was born July 24, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Gerald A. and Mildred (Bryant) McCoy. He grew up in Noble County and graduated from Albion High School in 1958.

He spent much of his adult life in Fort Wayne, where he worked in the maintenance department at Mullinix Packages Inc. for the past 21 years. He had lived at his present home in Swan Township for the past six years.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening, NASCAR racing and raising chickens.

He married Lisa Born in Huntertown on Oct. 24, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Mildred McCoy of Kendallville; six daughters and five sons-in-law, Deborah and Brian Riecke, Cindy and Steve Inman and Leslie and Bob Semprini, all of Huntertown, Kathy and Doran Peacock of Kendallville, Kimberly Beancardi of Kokomo and Lisa and Paul Buchanan of Churubusco; three stepchildren and their spouses, Holley and Jose Ramon and William and Chelsea Born, all of Fort Wayne, and Jennifer Born of Avilla; three sisters, Joyce Carpenter of Albion, Glenda Stevens of Kendallville and Donna Hardy of South Bend; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald A. McCoy; and an aunt, Bessie Hull.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Interment will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, southwest of Avilla.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Donald Hostetler

FREMONT — Donald Ray Hostetler, 78, of Fremont died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Hostetler was born March 4, 1928, in Logan County, Ohio, to Dwight and Mary (Early) Hostetler. He married Florence Small on April 30, 1949, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was the owner of the Family Shoe-Inn in Angola for 10 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of Lake Area Christian Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Jon Hostetler of Kendallville and Ronald Hostetler of Fremont; a daughter, Julie Pierce of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a brother, Richard Hostetler of Fremont; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at a later date. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Lake Area Christian Church or cancer research.

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Britt Hyser Sr.

SOUTH WHITLEY — Britt L. Hyser Sr., 60, of South Whitley died at 5:58 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where he had been a patient since March 6.

Mr. Hyser

Mr. Hyser was employed at C&M Plating in Roanoke for many years and had been employed at Bodigan Chrysler, Briggs Fertilizer, and H.O. Fairchild & Sons. For the past 15 years he had worked at Aging & In Home Services of Northeast Indiana.

His formative years were spent in Roanoke. His family moved to Blue Lake when he was a teen. He completed his education at Churubusco High School.

Mr. Hyser was a member of Collamer Church of God.

He was born July 5, 1945, in Huntington to Clarence and Mildred (Parker) Hyser. He married Karen E. Shaw on July 9, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sheri Hyser of Larwill and Jennifer Hyser of Claypool; a son and daughter-in-law, Britt Jr. and Kathy Hyser of Rome City; two brothers, Clarence Hyser of Ossian and Richard Hyser Sr. of Roanoke; three sisters, Helen Boze of Florida, and Shirley Ottinger and Adena Fairchild, both of Columbia City; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, George Hyser, Thomas Hyser Sr., Norman Hyser Sr., Gene Hyser Sr. and Johnny Hyser; and two sisters, Judy Hyser and Luella Hyser.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel at South Whitley with the Rev. Tom Coltrain of Collamer Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eberhard Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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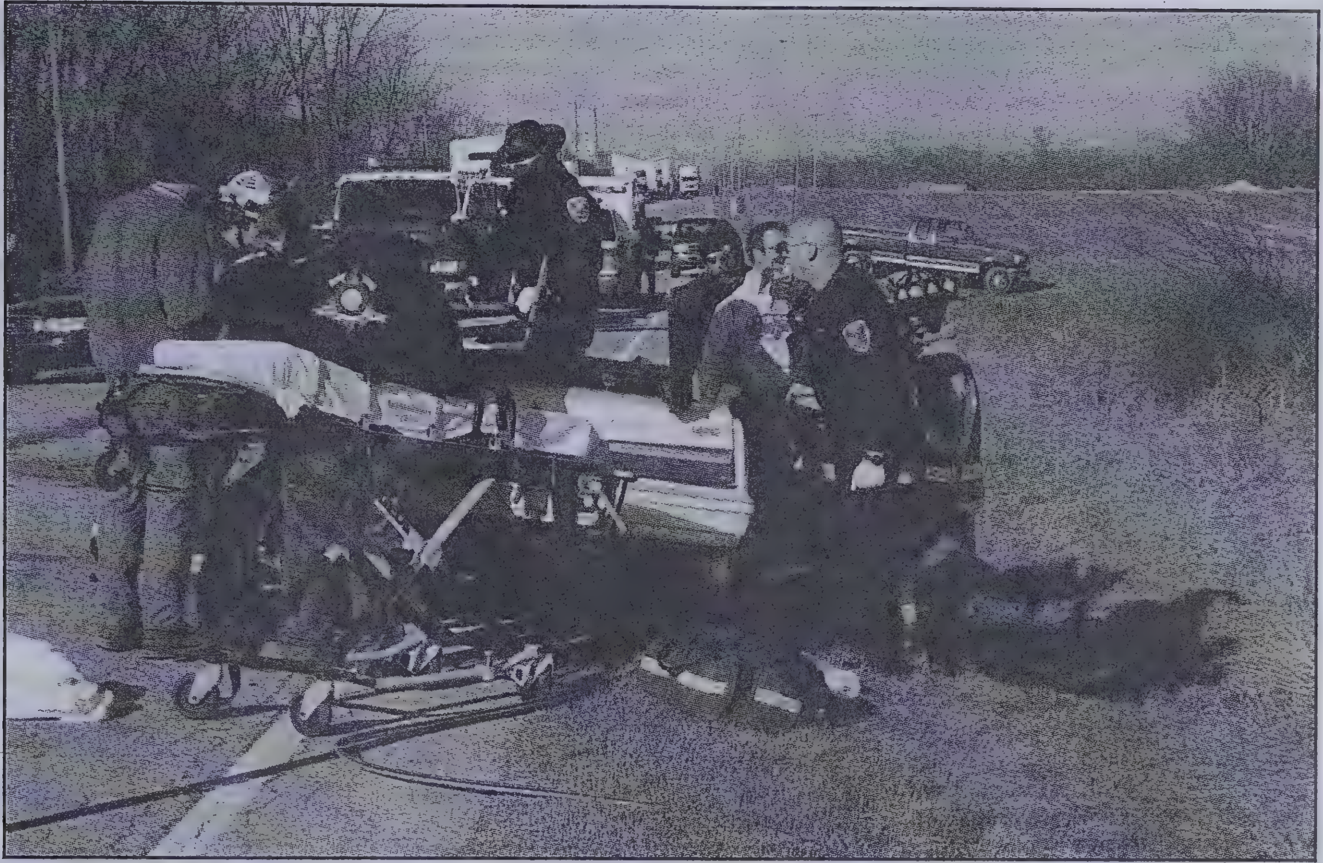

RESCUE WORKERS — Emergency responders work to free John Atz from the wreckage of his car after a four vehicle accident on US 6 east of Wawaka on Wednesday, March 15. Atz died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne early Monday as a result of his injuries.(ANE photo by Mark Hunter)

Kendallville businessman dies following car crash

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by Mark Hunter and Joy LeCount

WAWAKA — A four vehicle accident near Wawaka last week has claimed the life of one of the drivers.

Prominent Kendallville businessman John Atz, 82, died early Monday morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been airlifted from the scene after his car was involved in a chain reaction crash on US 6 on Wednesday, March 15. *(See obituary on page five)*

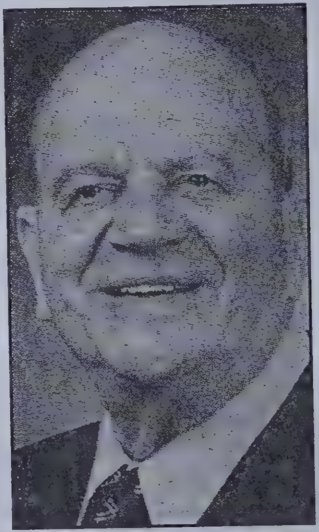
The driver of another car, 37 year old Jan Lengacher of Goshen, was treated for leg and chest pain after the accident, which happened about one-fourth mile east of CR 200W at about 8:30 a.m.

Apparently Atz crossed the center line for an unknown reason as he drove west, striking the front tires of an eastbound semi driven by Raymond Morris, 55, of Waterville, Maine. After that impact, Atz's car crossed the center line again, running head-on into Lengacher's van. An SUV following Lengacher, driven by Toni English, 43, of North Webster then apparently also struck the Atz vehicle.

Atz was trapped inside the wreckage of his 1982 Chrysler Lebaron convertible and had to be extricated by Albion and Orange Township firefighters. He was treated at the scene by Noble County EMS personnel before being transferred to a Lutheran Air helicopter which landed in a field just north of the accident scene.

Atz underwent surgery and was treated for neck, head and leg injuries.

Lengacher was taken by EMS to Parkview Noble Hospital to be treated for leg and chest pain; the other two drivers were not hurt.


John Atz

Atz's Lebaron was totaled, while Lengacher's 2006 Honda Odyssey and English's 2002 Chevy Trailblazer each sustained an estimated $2,500 - $5,000 damage. Another $1,000 - $2,500 damage was done to the 1994 Volvo semi tractor Morris was driving. Three wreckers were needed to remove damaged vehicles.

The accident closed US 6, and despite efforts by police and state and county highway workers to divert traffic, long lines of semi trucks snaked down the highway in both directions. These had to wait while responders worked to treat the injured and clean up the wreckage.

Traffic management was complicated since a railroad viaduct limited northbound traffic on C.R. 200 W to smaller trucks and passenger vehicles. One semi went off the roadway while its driver was trying to navigate the turn from US 6 onto southbound C.R. 200 W. thus blocking it for use to reroute traffic. A fourth wrecker had to be called out to pull the semi out of the ditch after the initial crash scene was cleared.

Units responded to the incident from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, and Albion Police, as well as the Albion and Orange Township Fire Departments, Noble County EMS, Lutheran Air, Indiana Department of Transportation and Noble County Highway Department. Some units remained on the scene for almost two hours.

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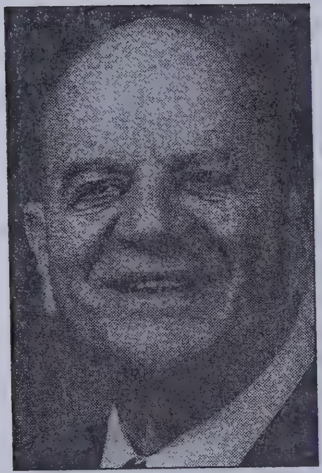

John Atz – 82

KENDALLVILLE – John Albert Atz, age 82, died on Monday, March 20, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Atz was born in Goshen, Indiana on November 4, 1923 to Julius A. and Cora Louise (Gose) Atz.

He graduated from Goshen High School in 1941. He enrolled at Indiana University in the fall of 1941. After serving his country in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 during WW II, he received his bachelor of Science degree in Business in 1946.

Mr. Atz married Julia LaNea Schrock on September 14, 1947 in Goshen, Indiana.

His father, Julius started the Atz Furniture Company in 1922 in Goshen. Atz Furniture came to Kendallville in 1928 and Ligonier in 1942. John started in the business in 1946 and was currently active in the business.

Mr. Atz's other memberships and achievements include: Active member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville; he was Citizen of the Year in 2000 with his wife, Julia; member of the Indiana University Alumni Association and the Northeast Indiana Alumni Chapter and received Member of the Year Award; In the local alumni chapter, he served as past president, past secretary, and past treasurer.

Currently, he was serving on the Economic Development Steering Committee. He was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge F&AM, Kendallville and/or Ligonier Rotary Club since 1963, past Kendallville City Council member, member of the Noble County Fair Board and member of the American Legion, Post #86.

Survivors include: His wife, Julia Atz of Kendallville; two daughters, Deborah Fagas of Fort Wayne and Catherine (Fred) Kreigh of Kendallville; one son, Joseph A. (Theresa) Atz of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Jenna Marie Atz, Dustin, Scott and Samuel Kreigh.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11:00 A.M. at Trinity Church United Methodist with pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside services.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Masonic Children's Home in Franklin, Indiana or Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Clouse, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Mary Jane (Hisey) Clouse, 72, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 17, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Clouse had moved to the Kendallville area 36 years ago from Florida.

She had been employed at Epic, formerly Handy & Harmon, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Clouse was a graduate of Rome City High School.

She was born Oct. 22, 1933, in Brimfield to Kenneth and Anna (Hofferman) Hisey.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Clouse of Avilla; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diana Lynn Walker and Deborah and Terry Mobley, all of Kendallville, and Donna and Wade Brinkman of Rome City; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Don and Wanita Hisey of Auburn, Jim Hisey of Brimfield and Terry and Brenda Hisey of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Lee Clouse; and two sisters, Beverly Corder and Patricia Dixon.

Gravesides services were held Saturday, March 18, 2006 at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were Jason Brinkman, Justin Brinkman, Chad Walker, Dustin Mobley, John Dixon and Carl Baermann.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home) was in charge of services.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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Lois Marsh, 75

LIGONIER — Lois M. Marsh, 75, of Ligonier died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Marsh owned and operated Magic Mirror Beauty Salon for over 30 years. A lifelong Noble County resident, she was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. She enjoyed attending classic car shows and Elaine's Dance Studio recitals, crafts and quilting. Her family and friends were very important to her.

She was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Noble County to Louis and Freida Marie (Christianson) Damon. Her mother died in childbirth, and she was raised by Madeline Damon Stienbarger. She married Dennis L. Marsh on May 20, 1977 in Ligonier. He survives.

Mrs. Marsh is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Troy Hershberger and Cindy and Don Bahus, all of Ligonier; a son, Mark Weaver of Belton, S.C.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Thomas and Michelle Marsh of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, JoAnn and Kenny Franks of Wawaka and Bette and Kenny Sanford of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Laura Jean Crossland.

Services were held Tuesday, March 21st at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Jean Ness officiated. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Weigand, 81

ELKHART - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Weigand, 81, of Elkhart died at 5:20 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Rev. Weigand was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1955 and served many churches in the North Indiana Conference including Columbia City and Richville United Methodist Church in Ligonier.

He received a bachelor's degree from Taylor University in 1951 and a master's degree in religious studies from Butler University. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from DePauw University for his service to the community and lifetime ministry and leadership to the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Weigand held positions on the board of directors for several service organizations and had served as a missionary in Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay and Panama.

He served in 9th Air Force during World War II and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star. Following the war, he was employed as a draftsman and assistant production manager at Weis Manufacturing.

He enjoyed boating, golfing, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was born June 1, 1924, in Monroe, Mich., to Thomas Sr. and Madeline (Pace) Weigand. He married Lois Taylor on Sept. 14, 1946, in Monore. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia and William Carothers of Fairfield, Conn., and Tricia Shelton of Elkhart; two sons, Tim Weigand of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Mark Weigand of Indianapolis; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Xen Lemmon of Muncie and Nancy and Bob Placido of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred.

Services were Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart the Rev. Robert Dexter, superintendent Michiana District of the United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Lore Blinn Gibson, associate pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rice Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Northern Indiana Branch, 2004 Ironwood Circle No. 140, South Bend, IN 46635 or to the United Methodist Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund for seminary students in care of the Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart, IN 46514.

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Dwight Hall, 61

AUBURN - Dwight E. Hall, 61, of Auburn died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hall worked for 32 years as a millwright at Auburn Foundry, retiring in 2003. He served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967 in Vietnam. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center.

He was born Dec. 29, 1944, in Paris, Ky., to Homer and Esther (Shell) Hall. His father survives in Greensburg, S.C. His mother and stepfather, Paul Lautzenhiser, preceded him in death.

He married Lois K. Perry on Sept. 21, 1979, in Campton, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dwight E. Hall II of Auburn; a daughter, Shela Ridenour of Angola; six sisters, Florence Bivens and Laura Pavao, both of Florida, Lois Westfall of Michigan, Mary DeGraw of Waterloo, Ruth Alison of Mississippi and Sarah Hawk of Fort Wayne; four brothers, David Lautzenhiser of Virginia, Sam Lautzenhiser of Avilla and John and Tom Lautzenhiser, both of Huntington; his brothers and sisters on the Hall side of the family, Pauline, Goldie, Opal, Susie, Waneta, Alouse, Elyvan, Emma Jean, Goble and Donnie; six grandchildren, Amber, Ashley and Jacob Ridenour and Aaron, Tianna and Austin Hall; and two great-grandchildren, Braiden Faye Storrjohann and Peyton Harli Storrjohann.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul Homer Hall; two sisters, Pat Volkert and Sue Miller; and a brother, Arther Lautzenhiser.

Services were Wednesday at the New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl officiated. Burial was held at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Franklin Robert Jacob, 86

ALBION – Franklin Robert Jacob of Albion died Saturday, March 19, 2006, in Kendallville. He had been in declining health for 2 1/2 years.

Mr. Jacob was a retired Noble County Farmer and Pioneer Seed Salesman. He had lived all of his life in rural Noble County after his family moved here in 1920.

Mr. Jacob proudly served as a volunteer in the US Army during WWII from 1941 to 1945 in George S. Patton's 3rd Army where he received 4 Bronze Stars and a Defensive Service Medal. He was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Community Church in Albion and a member of the Albion American Legion Post #246.

He was born September 28, 1919 in Van Wert County, Ohio to Frank and Alma (Weller) Jacob. He married Dolores Valere (Trittipo) Jacob on August 12, 1945 at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She survives in rural Albion.

Mr. Jacob is survived by 2 sons: Steven Franklin (Cinda) Jacob of Syracuse and Stanley Roy (Nancy) Jacob of Albion; 5 grandchildren: Rachel Myers, Janet (Scott) Rashley, Rebecca (Mark) Schroeder, Michael Stanley (Cara) Jacob and Jeffery Robert (Melanie) Jacob; 7 great-grandchildren: Sarah and Andrew Myers, Jolene, Cassie and Timmy Rashley, and Megan and Ryan Schroeder.

Mr. Jacob has 2 sisters that survive: Ilene Young of Kendallville and Leona Schwalbe of Bloomington, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 siblings: Wauneta Reed of Ligonier and D. Elon Jacob and 1 Daughter in Law: Phyllis (Loving) Jacob.

Services were held Wednesday, March 22nd at the Rehoboth Missionary Community Church in rural Albion with Brazzell Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements. The Reverand Gerald Ringenberg officiated. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military graveside services conducted by the Albion American Legion Post #246.

Memorials are to the Rehoboth Missionary Community Church or The Albion Fire Department First Responder Program.

Joan Breeden Goodwin

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado — Joan Breeden Goodwin, 83, of Colorado, Springs, Colorado, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2006. She was born in Albion, Indiana on February 22, 1923 and moved to Colorado Springs in 1966. She had resided in numerous places in the United States and England as a military wife.

Mrs. Goodwin enjoyed playing bridge, entertaining, the Civil Engineers wives' group, and especially participating in the Kerygma Sunday School at First United Methodist Church. She was an active volunteer in hospitals and schools.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay (L.E.) Gillard, and grandson, Christopher Cristin) Bryan. Mrs. Goodwin also has relatives in the Albion area.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 605 East Main Street, Albion, Indiana, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Those attending the service are invited to return to the church afterward for a time of fellowship.

Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church, 420 North Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A memorial service was held in Colorado Springs on March 13, 2006.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Larry McCoy

AVILLA -- Larry D. McCoy, 65, a resident of rural Avilla, died at 2:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the family residence in Swan Township. He had been in seriously declining health for the past 21 months.

Mr. McCoy was born in Fort Wayne on July 24, 1940, a son of Gerald A. and Mildred (Bryant) McCoy. He spent his formative years in Noble County and graduated from Albion High School in 1958.

Much of his adult was spent in Fort Wayne, where he had worked in the maintenance department at Mullinix Packages, Inc. for the past 21 years. He had lived at his present home in Swan Township for the past six years.

He was married to Lisa Born in Huntertown on October 24, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Mildred McCoy of Kendallville; six children, Deborah (Brian) Riecke, Cindy (Steve) Inman, and Leslie (Bob) Semprini, all of Huntertown, Kathy (Doran) Peacock of Kendallville, Kimberly Biancardi of Kokomo, and Lisa (Paul) Buchanan of Churubusco; three step-children, Holley (Jose) Ramon and William (Chelsea) Born, all of Fort Wayne, and Jennifer Born of Avilla; and his three sisters, Joyce Carpenter of Albion, Glenda Stevens of Kendallville, and Donna Hardy of South Bend; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald McCoy; and by an aunt, Bessie Hull.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Thursday from 4-8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Hooper-King Cemetery, southwest of Avilla.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Kendallville.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Tony L. Swinehart, 55

MILLERSBURG - Tony L. Swinehart, 55, of Millersburg died at 12:54 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Swinehart was a truck driver for Elkhart County Gravel.

He was a gunsmith, gun collector and avid shooter.

Mr. Swinehart was born April 10, 1950, in Goshen to Tony (Otis) and Martha (Bailey) Swinehart. They are deceased. He married Connie Wagner on March 23, 1968, in New Paris. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori Yoder of Millersburg and Stacie and Keith Kiser of Kimmell; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony Scott and Kelly Swinehart of New Paris and Jeff and Cindy Swinehart of Millersburg; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas and Diane Swinehart of Millersburg; 10 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Toni Jean Swinehart.

Services were held Thursday March 23, 2006 at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. The Rev. Fred Walls of Millersburg Church of Christ officiated. Burial was in Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Memorials are to the National Rifle Association.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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March 23, 2006, Thursday

Man killed in crash on U.S. 6

BY BOB BUTTGEN
leader@ligtel.com

LIGONIER — A crash on U.S. 6 about a half-mile west of C.R. 600W in Noble County claimed the life of a North Webster man Wednesday.

Jerry Burkhead, 39, died of blunt force trauma to the head.

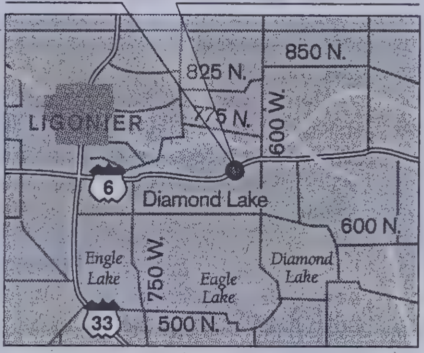
According to Indiana State Police Sgt. Max Weber, who investigated the crash, a 1994 Pontiac Coupe that was eastbound on U.S. 6 slowed down and possibly stopped in traffic at 3:30 p.m. A 1988 Chevy pickup driven by Burkhead failed to slow down and rear-ended the Pontiac, killing the pickup's lone occupant.

Burkhead was not restrained, which could have prevented his injuries, police said.

The driver of the Pontiac was Shelly Sabin, 31, of Wawaka. She had a complaint of pain but refused medical treatment.

A 13-year-old juvenile was riding in the Sabin vehicle and was transported to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville for pain to the stomach area. The juvenile was not wearing a seat belt, which could have prevented the injury, police said.

Jerry Burkhead, 39, of North Webster died following a crash Wednesday on U.S. 6 east of Ligonier.



Erin Doucette, KPC Media Group, Inc.

Both vehicles were described as total losses, the investigating officer said.

Assisting the state police were units from the Ligonier police and fire departments, Noble County Sheriff's Department and Noble County EMS.

The crash remains under investigation.

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BOB BUTTGEN

The driver of this pickup was killed in a two-vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon on U.S. 6, about two miles east of Ligonier. Ligonier police, state police and Noble County sheriff's deputies responded to the scene, along with Noble County EMS, Ligonier firefighters and other rescue workers.

Charlotte McClanahan

MILLERSBURG — Charlotte McClanahan of Millersburg died Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier where calling will be from 5-9 p.m. Friday.

James Bortner

ALBION — James M. Bortner, 59, of Albion died unexpectedly at 4:48 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Lucinda Duffee

CHURUBUSCO — Lucinda Longsworth Duffee, 95, formerly of Churubusco died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Verna Mendenhall

AUBURN — Verna B. Mendenhall, 92, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Mendenhall

She owned and operated the Bonton Beauty Salon for more than 55 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a member and former deacon of Auburn Presbyterian Church, a member of Ashley Eastern Star 229 and Spencerville Eastern Star 386, an associate member of Entre Nous Club, a 1933 graduate of Andrews High School, an Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum volunteer and member of the ACD Women's Committee and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board.

She was born Dec. 18, 1913, in Huntington County to William F. and Emma E. (Schenkel) Bickel.

Her husband, Robert D. Mendenhall, died in 1955.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Harry Parkhurst of Palm Desert, Calif.; a brother, Dean Bickel of Andrews; a granddaughter, Maura Parkhurst of Seattle, Wash.; four nieces and their husbands, Sharon and Joe Stephen, Patricia and Bill Welch, Sharleen and Jim Sweeney and Kathleen Nichols; two nephews and their wives, Steven and Ramonda Bickel and Rodney and Karen Bickel; and one niece-in-law, Donna Bickel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Laura Parkhurst; a brother, John Lewis Bickel; and a nephew, Larry Bickel.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A combined Eastern Star service will begin Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Joan Goodwin

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Joan Breeden Goodwin, 83, of Colorado Springs died Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

She was born Feb. 22, 1923, in Albion to Carl Cary and Beth Lucile (Rimmel) Breeden.

She moved to Colorado Springs in 1966 and had resided in numerous places in the United States and England as a military wife.

Mrs. Goodwin enjoyed playing bridge, entertaining the Civil Engineers wives' group, and especially participating in the Kerygma Sunday school at First United Methodist Church.

She was an active volunteer in hospitals and schools.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay (L.E.) Gillard; and a grandson, Christopher Bryan; and relatives in the Albion area.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 605 E. Main St., Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

A memorial service was held in Colorado Springs on March 13.

Roberta Bansbach

HAMILTON — Roberta "Bobbie" Marion Bansbach, 73, of Hamilton and formerly of Bryan, Ohio, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 1, 1933, in Providence, R.I., to Robert and Mildred (Rundell) Baxter. They preceded her in death.

She married Wallace Bansbach on Oct. 9, 1954, and together they operated Wally's Appliance Service in Bryan. He died in 1989.

She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and several bridge clubs. She enjoyed collecting antiques and traveling.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pam and Jeff Harger of Hamilton, Karen and John Mills of Truckee, Calif., and Holly Mack of Verdi, Nev.; a sister, Laurie Kimball of Dayville, Conn.; four grandchildren, Katie and Jordan Harger, Eric Mack and Hansen LeClaire; and a dear friend, Steve Keller of Lake George.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Hamilton United Methodist Church with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery at Bryan.

Calling will be today from 3-7 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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Mary Wells

GARRETT — Mary Geraldine "Gerry" Wells, 90, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her daughter's home in Garrett as a result of pneumonia.

Mrs. Wells was a lifeguard at Klinger's Beach near Paulding, Ohio, for several summers and worked at Moore's Clothing Store in Paulding for several years.

She was born April 9, 1915, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Clark H. and Carrie (Carson) Landis. They preceded her in death.

She married Gaylord E. Wells in Bowling Green on May 24, 1936. During their marriage, they lived in Toledo, Van Wert, Paulding and Defiance, Ohio.

After moving to Defiance, they managed Rosewood Manor Apartments. Mr. Wells died of lung cancer on Dec. 14, 1983. Mrs. Wells moved to Leipsic Retirement Village in 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gene L. and Diana Wells of Bolivia, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn S. and Charles Atkison of Garrett; two grandchildren, David D. Atkison of Butler and Deborah J. Jenkins and her husband, Rick, of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren, Stephen R. Knott, Kathleen N. Knott, Christina L. Knott and Bryanna Y. Jenkins.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jean Robison

FORT WAYNE — Jean Kathleen Hatfield Robison, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was retired from teaching at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School.

Surviving are her husband, Gary A. Robison; four daughters and their husbands, Kathleen K. and Terry Davis of Largo, Fla., Carolyn R. and Ricky Shull of Auburn, Karen M. and James Holst of LaGrange and Amy L. and Eric Heminger of Huntertown; nine grandchildren; a sister and her husband, Doris and Harry Philpot of Paulding, Ohio; and two brothers and their spouses, Dennis and Jeanette Hatfield and Bernard and Ursula Hatfield, both of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Paul and Nellie Hatfield; and a brother, Herbert Hatfield.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with burial at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School.

David DePew

KENDALLVILLE — David S. DePew, 67, of Kendallville died at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. DePew had lived in Kendallville the past 18 years.

He had been a custodian at Trinity Church United Methodist and at KPC Media Group in Kendallville.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School.

Mr. DePew was an accomplished artist and woodcarver. He enjoyed composing music.

He was born May 26, 1938, in Garrett to Ralph and Helen (Hawk) DePew.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Balzer of Kendallville and Ruth and Arnold Berryhill of Avilla; several nieces and nephews; and two special friends, Patsy Wines and Aileen Napier, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Bell Fee.

Graveside services will be at noon Friday at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiating.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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Myrtle Burkett

KIMMELL — Myrtle Burkett, 83, of Kimmell died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Burkett

Mrs. Burkett had owned and operated Burkett's Restaurant in Kimmell and had retired from Essex Wire.

She had lived in Noble County since 1958.

Mrs. Burkett was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church and enjoyed gardening.

She was born Aug. 5, 1922, in Hindman, Ky., to Shelly and Essie (Hall) Day. She married Arnold Burkett on Feb. 21, 1971, in Syracuse. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammy Burkett of Ligonier; a brother, Burnis Day of Lexington, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Troy Conley of Lucasville, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by three daughters, Dalmanutha "Dee" Begley, Virgie Rensner and Stella Streb; a son, Shelby Amburgey; three sisters, Sadie Adkins, Eilene Parson and Lurania Blackburn; three brothers, John Day, James Day and Floyd Day; five stepsons; and two stepdaughters.

Services will be at noon Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Maria Weirich

SOUTH BEND — Maria J. Weirich, 45, of South Bend died at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at her home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Weirich

Mrs. Weirich was a homemaker who had worked from 1983-1998 as a systems analyst for the University of Notre Dame.

She was a member of River of Life Community Church in Elkhart.

Mrs. Weirich was born Aug. 20, 1960, in Goshen to Robert L. and Cora (Detweiler) Miller. Her father died Aug. 1, 2005, and her mother survives in Middlebury.

She married Keith R. Weirich on June 20, 1981, in Goshen. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hannah Weirich at home; a son, Austin Weirich at home; and a brother and sister-in-law, James L. and Kim Miller of Millersburg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at River of Life Community Church, 2626 Prairie St., Elkhart, with Pastor Leonard Cook and Pastor Janet Cook officiating.

Family and friends will gather at 9 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home to leave in a procession for a graveside service at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to River of Life Community Church in Elkhart.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Remembering John

Friends, family pay respects to fallen community leader

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services were scheduled for today, Thursday, March 23, for John Atz, the Noble County business leader who touched the lives of many people.

Atz passed away at 4:30 a.m. Monday morning in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident last week.

Atz, 82, had been hospitalized with neck and leg injuries since being involved in a multi-car crash Wednesday on U.S. 6 near Wawaka.

He was active in the Noble County business community, economic development and service club organizations for more than a half century.

John Atz

"From Kendallville to Ligonier and everywhere in between John was devoted to Noble County and a model to anyone who cares about being community-oriented," said Dave Knopp, executive director of the Noble County Community Foundation, with whom Atz worked to honor his wife by establishing the Julia L. Atz Scholarship Fund in 2004 for students pursuing careers in classical music performance or conducting.

In 2000, the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce honored John and Julia Atz as Citizens of the Year.

Dr. Robert Stone, a longtime friend of Atz, attended Ligonier Rotary meetings with him for several decades.

Stone recalled his friend as "a real nice gentleman and a bulwark of the community. His support of the Rotary and the entire community was unwavering. John was a very community-minded person and we are certainly going to miss him."

Atz's grandfather, Albert Atz, had two sons. The eldest, Julius Atz, was one of the co-founders of Atz Furniture in 1922 in Goshen, which closed in 1958. The Kendallville store, originally located at the corner of Main and Mitchell streets, opened in 1928, and, in 1942, Atz Furniture opened its Ligonier location. The younger brother, Ralph Atz, went into the ice cream business.

John Atz eventually took over the furniture business from his father.

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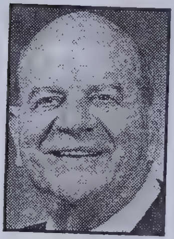
Services held this morning for John Atz

KENDALLVILLE — John Albert Atz, 82, of Kendallville died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Atz

Mr. Atz had been associated with Atz Furniture since 1946. His father, Julius, started the business in Goshen in 1922. The business expanded to Kendallville in 1928 and Ligonier in 1942.

He graduated from Goshen High School in 1941 and enrolled at Indiana University in the fall of 1941. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in business in 1946.

Mr. Atz was an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge F&AM, the Kendallville and Ligonier Rotary Clubs since 1963, the Noble County Fair Board and American Legion Post 86.

He was a member of the Indiana University Alumni Association and had received the Member of the Year award from the Northeast Indiana Alumni Chapter where he was a past president, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Atz currently was serving on the Kendallville Economic Development Steering Committee.

He was born Nov. 4, 1923, in Goshen to Julius A. and Cora Louise (Gose) Atz. He married Julie LaNea Schrock on Sept. 14, 1947, in Goshen. She survives.

The couple were named Citizens of the Year in 2000.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Fagas of Fort Wayne and Catherine and Fred Kreigh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph A. and Theresa Atz of Kendallville; and four grandchildren, Jenna Marie Atz, Dustin Kreigh, Scott Kreigh and Samuel Kreigh.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of Rush and State streets, Kendallville, with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services. Pallbearers will be Jerry Kessler, Al Huth, Kevin Sabrosky, Terry Housholder, Larry Doyle and Steve Pyle. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Lang, Glen Walrich, Mike Davidson and Bob Bruce.

Calling was Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the Masonic Children's Home in Franklin or Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Myrtle Burkett

KIMMELL — Myrtle Burkett, 83, of Kimmell died Tuesday, March 21 at her home.

She was born on August 5, 1922 in Hindman, Ky., to Shelly and Essie (Hall) Day. She had lived in Noble County since 1958.

On Feb. 21, 1971 she was married to Arnold Burkett in Syracuse.

Mrs. Burkett owned and operated Burkett's Restaurant in Kimmell for many years, and she was also retired from Essex Wire.

She was a member of the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved gardening.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy Burkett of Ligonier; a brother, Burnis Day of Lexington, Ky.; a sister, Marie Conley of Lucasville, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three daughters, one son, three sisters, three brothers, five stepsons and two stepdaughters.

Services will be held Friday, March 24 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Call is today, Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

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Lois Marsh

LIGONIER — Lois M. Marsh, 75, of Ligonier died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Marsh owned and operated Magic Mirror Beauty Salon for over 30 years. A lifelong Noble County resident, she was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. She enjoyed attending classic car shows and Elaine's Dance Studio recitals, crafts and quilting. Her family and friends were very important to her.

Mrs. Marsh

She was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Noble County to Louis and Freida Marie (Christianson) Damon. Her mother died in childbirth, and she was raised by Madeline Damon Stienbarger. She married Dennis L. Marsh on May 20, 1977, in Ligonier. He survives.

Mrs. Marsh is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Troy Hershberger and Cindy and Don Bahus, all of Ligonier; a son, Mark Weaver of Belton, S.C.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Thomas and Michelle Marsh of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, JoAnn and Kenny Franks of Wawaka and Bette and Kenny Sanford of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Laura Jean Crossland.

Services were held Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Jean Ness officiated. Burial was be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

Tony Swinehart

MILLERSBURG — Tony L. Swinehart, 55, of Millersburg died at 12:54 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Swinehart was a truck driver for Elkhart County Gravel.

He was a gunsmith, gun collector and avid shooter.

Mr. Swinehart was born April 10, 1950, in Goshen to Tony (Otis) and Martha (Bailey) Swinehart. They are deceased. He married Connie Wagner on March 23, 1968, in New Paris. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori Yoder of Millersburg and Stacie and Keith Kiser of Kimmell; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony Scott and Kelly Swinehart of New Paris and Jeff and Cindy Swinehart of Millersburg; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas and Diane Swinehart of Millersburg; 10 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Toni Jean Swinehart.

Services this morning at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. Fed Walls of Millersburg Church of Christ officiating. Burial was to be in Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Memorials are to the National Rifle Association.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Charlotte McClanahan

LIGONIER — Services are pending for Charlotte McClanahan of Millersburg, who died Wednesday, March 22.

Calling will be on Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, were services are pending.

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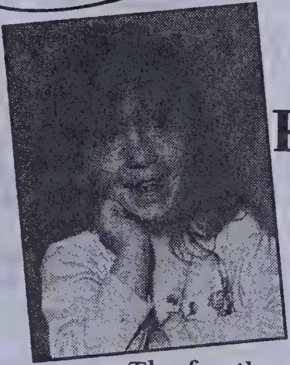

Karli J. Bryan

**October 8, 1987
to March 10, 2006**

The family of Karli JoAnne Bryan would like to extend our sincerest heartfelt gratitude to all that helped us through these last two weeks. We are overwhelmingly appreciative of the outpouring of kindness, prayers, letters and cards, meals, paper goods, donations, hugs, and love of which we were blanketed. A special thanks to Emily Rife, the members of the Angola Fire Dept. and EMS, the ER staff at Cameron Hospital, the Steuben County Sheriff's Dept. and officers Nott and McCarty, Justin Clark and the staff at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, the administration, faculty and student body of Fremont High School, Pleasant View Church of Christ, the friends and employees at TydenBrammall, members of IBEW Local 1393, Robert Henry Corporation, Indiana Michigan Power, the Captains Cabin & the Bullpen Cafe, SOS Service, and literally hundreds more that deserve to be mentioned by name.

We feel fortunate to have been raised, and in turn, raise our children in a small community where in times of tragedy (and even in times of happiness) we can be here for each other to laugh or to cry, and lift one another up.

May God bless you all....

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Veva Grossman

WOLCOTTVILLE — Veva L. Grossman, 98, of Wolcottville died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Grossman

Mrs. Grossman was a homemaker and had assisted her husband with the family farm.

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

Mrs. Grossman was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church and its Ladies Aid. She was a former Sunday school teacher.

She loved gardening and flowers and spending time with her family.

She was born April 6, 1907, in LaGrange to Charles J. and Daisy L. (Helm) Smith. She married Karl H. Grossman on Nov. 9, 1927, in Bryan, Ohio. He died Feb. 9, 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen J. Grossman of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence M. and LaVada Grossman and Gary O. and Marilynn Grossman, all of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence J. Smith.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Anna Miller

LIGONIER — Anna D. Miller, 87, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 2, 1918, in LaGrange to Dainel D.M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Frey. She married Eli E. Miller on Feb. 29, 1940, in LaGrange County. He died Sept. 15, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Elva and Martha Miller, Howard and Esther Miller and Floyd and Clara Miller, all of Ligonier; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Harvey Fry of Ligonier, Ida and Daniel Yoder of Topeka, Elizabeth and Daniel Bontrager of LaGrange and Loretta and Olen Hochstedler of Kokomo; a brother, Daniel Frey of Downing, Mo.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary and Abe Bontrager of Shipshewana, Barbara and Omer Lambright of Topeka and Elizabeth Hochsteter of Topeka; 35 grandchildren; 119 great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 24 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Tobe, Joe and John Frey; a sister, Edna Hochstetler; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the home of Merle Miller, 11424 N. C.R. 500W, Ligonier, with Bishop David Miller officiating.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Larry Bontrager, Merle Miller, DeWayne Miller, Delmar Miller, Glen Miller and Norman Miller.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Saturday at 11461 N. C.R. 500W, Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Reichard

FREEPORT, Mich. — Anna K. Reichard, 100, of Freeport died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Quality HealthCare Center in North Port, Fla.

Mrs. Reichard

Mrs. Reichard was a lifetime resident of St. Joseph County, Mich.

She was a homemaker.

She was born April 12, 1905, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Martha (Smith) Shafer. She married Ellis Ray Reichard on July 5, 1924, in Centreville, Mich. He died March 27, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn and Gene Stoner of Elkhart and Janet Reichard of Venice, Fla.; three sons, Phillip Reichard of Middleburg, Fla., Charles Reichard of Venice, Fla., and Alan Ray Reichard of Freeport; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Roxie Keller and Leona Sanderson; and five brothers, Norris Shafer, Kash Shafer, Lloyd Shafer, Glen Shafer and John Shafer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Plato Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Lucinda Duffee

CHURUBUSCO — Lucinda Longsworth Duffee, 95, of Avilla and formerly of Churubusco died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been ill the past 10 years.

Mrs. Duffee had been employed as a clerk at the former Shelton's IGA for 19 years.

She was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

She was born June 2, 1910, in Merriam to Melvin and Ida (Cunningham) Winebrenner. She married Ralph C. Longsworth in 1927 and he died May 23, 1973. She then married Paul Duffee in 1978.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Norma Jean Pettigrew of Fort Wayne and DeMaris Fry and Mary Jo and Robert Skinner, all of Churubusco; her former husband, Paul Duffee, of Xenia, Ohio; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Glenda and Jay Womack of Cedarville, Ohio, Donna Duffee of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Vicky and Tim Johnson of Jamestown, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Rista Friend, Opal Resler, Nellie Eslen and Eva Egolf; and three brothers, Ward Winebrenner, Denver Winebrenner and Don Winebrenner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Paul D. White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Churubusco Church of the Nazarene building fund or to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Doris Sanders

WATERLOO — Doris J. Sanders, 80, of Waterloo died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at her home.

She was a cook at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for six years and a receptionist-phone operator at Wal-Mart for seven years. She also worked on the farm for most of her life.

She was born March 15, 1926, in Waterloo to Harold R. and Ruth E. (Campbell) Freed. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen R. and Denny Krill of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Marie Sanders of Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles R. and Lowneta Freed of Waterloo and Everett L. and Virginia Freed of Hamilton; one sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Don Ankey of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry D. Sanders.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Charles Potts-Wilder

EL PASO, Texas — Charles Robert Potts-Wilder, 7 months old, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 2:10 p.m. local time at Las Palmas Hospital in El Paso, Texas.

Charles Potts-Wilder

He was born Aug. 10, 2005, in El Paso, to Jonathan and Stormy Wilder. They survive.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Robert and Linda Wilder of St. Joe; his grandmother, Elizabeth Potts of El Paso; his great-grandmother, Garnet Doub of Butler; aunts and uncles, Matthew Wilder of St. Joe, Charles Potts of El Paso and Larry and Tanja Ballance of Rock Springs, Wyo.; and great-aunts and great-uncles, William, Evelyn, Donald, Patsy, Martha, Howard, Ron, Dan, Charles, Tom, Heidi, Lore, David, Terry and Cy.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Charles R. Potts Jr.; and a cousin, Frank Raymond Potts.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. Indiana time at the Vineyard Crossroads Church, 9109 Dyer St., El Paso, Texas.

Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information that was provided to this newspaper.*

Verna Mendenhall

AUBURN — Verna B. Mendenhall, 92, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mendenhall

She owned and operated the Bonton Beauty Salon for more than 55 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a member and former deacon of Auburn Presbyterian Church, a member of Ashley Eastern Star 229 and Spencerville Eastern Star 386, an associate member of Entre Nous Club, a 1933 graduate of Andrews High School, an Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum volunteer and member of the ACD Women's Committee and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board.

She was born Dec. 18, 1913, in Huntington County to William F. and Emma E. (Schenkel) Bickel.

Her husband, Robert D. Mendenhall, died in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Harry Parkhurst of Palm Desert, Calif.; a brother, Dean Bickel of Andrews; a granddaughter, Maura Parkhurst of Seattle; four nieces and their husbands, Sharon and Joe Stephen, Patricia and Bill Welch, Sharleen and Jim Sweeney and Kathleen Nichols; two nephews and their wives, Steven and Ramonda Bickel and Rodney and Karen Bickel; and one niece-in-law, Donna Bickel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Laura Parkhurst; a brother, John Lewis Bickel; and a nephew, Larry Bickel.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A combined Eastern Star service will begin today at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Sharlette McClanahan

MILLERSBURG — Sharlette McClanahan, 49, of Millersburg died at 3:11 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. McClanahan had moved to the area 35 years ago from West Virginia.

She had been employed at Lippert Components in Goshen and Supreme Corp. in Goshen.

Mrs. McClanahan

Mrs. McClanahan attended Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to the beach and collecting lighthouses.

She was born March 11, 1957, in Welch, W.Va., to James and Fern (Estep) Deskins. They survive in Ligonier. She married Richard McClanahan on July 12, 1974, in Albion. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Amy McClanahan of Angola and Kelli and Brandon York of Milford; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jerry and Phyllis Deskins of Arondale, W.Va., Arnold Deskins, and Robert and Charlie Deskins, all of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Donnie Myers of Cromwell; and three grandchildren, Cainan McClanahan and Kate York, both of Milford, and McKenzi Schlemmer of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at The Crosswalk in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, Texas 75244 or Ryan's Place, P.O. Box 75, Goshen, IN 46527.

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James Bortner

ALBION — James Michael Bortner, 59, of Albion died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Bortner had been employed at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, Leatherman Brothers Construction, Black's car dealership, Central Noble School Corp. and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He has served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967 with one tour of duty in Vietnam from November 1966 to September 1967. He had received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Mr. Bortner was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

He was also an active member of American Legion Post 246, where he had served as Past Commander and held several other offices, and had been the District Commander of the American Legion from 1990 to 1991. He was a member of the 40 & 8, the VFW, a life member of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Academy of Model Aeronautics, and a former member of the Albion Fire Department.

Mr. Bortner was involved in the marching lieutenants of the American Legion. Prior to his military service he had been involved in auto racing at the Avilla Motor Speedway. He had enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, building and flying small-engine aircraft and was well known for his woodworking.

He was born May 24, 1946, in Kendallville to Max and Virginia (Getts) Bortner. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Diann and Kent Shultz; three brothers, Jack Bortner and John Bortner, both of Auburn, and Jerry Bortner of Virginia; a special friend, Ilene Middleton of Albion; and several nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion or Albion American Legion Post 246.

Ernest Barrett

SEAMAN, Ohio — Ernest L. Barrett, 64, of Seaman and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Monday, March 6, 2006, at Anderson Mercy Hospital in Cincinnati.

He was the current minister of the Seaman Church of Christ.

Mr. Barrett was born July 10, 1941, in Bloomington, Ill., to Linus and Laura (Barnes) Barrett.

Surviving are his wife Pat (Beck) Barrett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ed and Teresa Barrett of Etna Green, Ind., Mark and Melissa Barrett of Ft. Madison, Iowa, and Jeff Barrett of Sevierville, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Krisiti and Anthony Maynard of McDermott, Ohio; a brother, Eugene Barrett of Columbia City, Ind.; two sisters, Karla Beauchamp of Tennessee and Lela Fretz of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

Services were March 9 at the Lewis-Sullivan Funeral Home in Seaman. Burial was in Mt. Leigh Cemetery.

Memorial are to the family, P.O. Box 68, Seaman, Ohio 45679.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thompsonfuneralhomes.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information that was provided to this newspaper.*

Mary Wells

GARRETT — Mary Geraldine "Gerry" Wells, 90, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her daughter's home in Garrett as a result of pneumonia.

Mrs. Wells was a lifeguard at Klinger's Beach near Paulding, Ohio, for several summers and worked at Moore's Clothing Store in Paulding for several years.

She was born April 9, 1915, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Clark H. and Carrie (Carson) Landis. They preceded her in death.

She married Gaylord E. Wells in Bowling Green on May 24, 1936. During their marriage, they lived in Toledo, Van Wert, Paulding and Defiance, Ohio.

After moving to Defiance, they managed Rosewood Manor Apartments. Mr. Wells died of lung cancer on Dec. 14, 1983. Mrs. Wells moved to Leipsic Retirement Village in 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gene L. and Diana Wells of Bolivia, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Charles Atkison of Garrett; a grandson, David D. Atkison of Butler; a granddaughter, Deborah J. Jenkins and her husband, Rick, of Kendallville; a stepgranddaughter, Kayla Jenkins; a stepgrandson, Danny Jenkins; a great-grandson, Stephen R. Knott; and three great-granddaughters, Kathleen N. Knott, Christina L. Knott and Bryanna Y. Jenkins.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Kenneth Horwitz

AUBURN — Kenneth A. Horwitz, 76, of Auburn died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Horwitz worked in insurance management for 30 years. He was a past president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club and served as lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club from 1995 to 1996. He was a volunteer at the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn and was active with the Democratic Party. He was a member of the B'Nai Jacob Synagogue in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 31, 1929, in Chicago. He married Barbara Motherwell on Aug. 5, 1978, in Illinois. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are five sons, Michael S. Horwitz of Crown Point, Jeffrey Horwitz of Carmel, Lawrence Horwitz of Gurnee, Ill., Michael J. Horwitz of Hamilton and Patrick Horwitz of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carolyn Horwitz of Indianapolis and Bridget Horwitz of Auburn; a sister, Rosanne Eisenberg of North Brook, Ill., and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nikolas R. Horwitz, in 1992.

Services took place Friday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

John Wagner

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — John Wagner, 88, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, March 24, 2006, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mr. Wagner was the caretaker for Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett before moving to Pennsylvania.

He was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Garrett to David and Pearl (Henry) Wagner. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, James and Deanna Wagner of Douglas Flat, Calif.

A memorial service is planned at a later date. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jeanette Duke

SPENCERVILLE — Jeanette Duke, 66, of Spencerville died Friday, March 24, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Duke was a homemaker and a member of the National Clock and Watch Association, Spencerville United Methodist Church and Spencerville United Methodist Women. She was a high school classmate of Elvis Presley.

She loved working in her flower beds and building clocks with her husband and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born July 8, 1939, to Ernest and Omie (Tapp) Davis in Walnut, Miss. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Somerville, Tenn.

She married Victor L. Duke on Dec. 20, 1957, in Hernada, Miss. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Virgil and Regina Duke of Spencerville, Michael Duke of Auburn and Terry and Linda Duke of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Larry Leins of Auburn; five grandchildren, Dustin Duke, Landon Leins, Brooke Leins, Kyle Duke and Amanda Duke; a brother, Eddie Davis of Bartlett, Tenn., and two sisters, Eilene Gockel of Somerville, Tenn., and Bonnie Kennedy of Eads, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lucy Miles.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling wil be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, IN 46721.

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Jerry Burkhead

NORTH WEBSTER — Jerry Lee Burkhead, 39, of North Webster died at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, on U.S. 6 West near Ligonier as the result of a car accident.

Mr. Burkhead

Mr. Burkhead worked at Liberty Homes, Syracuse. He was a 1985 graduate of Northridge High School.

He was born Jan. 10, 1967, in Altus, Ohio. His father, Ron Burkhead, survives in Goshen. His mother and stepfather, Faye and Edward Rustad, survive in Lillian, Ala.

Mr. Burkhead is also survived by a son, Harley Burkhead of North Webster; two daughters, Andrea Burkhead of North Webster and Julieann Burkhead of Cromwell; a sister, Miranda Burkhead of Wakarusa; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gary Burkhead of Elkhart and Mark and Wendy Burkhead and Troy and Rebecca Burkhead, all of Middlebury.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. The Rev. Chris Knight will officiate. Burial will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be left at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine Johnson

GARRETT — Lorraine A. Johnson, 82, a former Garrett resident, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked in sales for Western Union in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Harvest House.

She was born Feb. 20, 1924, in Garrett to Michael and Magdelena (Bapst) Johnson.

Surviving are brother, Gerald R. Johnson of Garrett, and two sisters, Lucille Todd of Avilla and Marcella Lewis of Las Vegas, Nev.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Orville and Daniel Johnson and a sister, Esther Wilson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Dorothy Deck

LIGONIER — Dorothy May Deck, 96, of Ligonier died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Avalon Village, where she resided.

Mrs. Deck

Mrs. Deck was a homemaker, a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church and a lifetime area resident. She loved flowers and gardening.

She was born Feb. 8, 1910, in Millersburg to Edward Gangwer and Wilma Stoner. She married William Danner, who was later killed in an automobile accident. She then married Donald Deck, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Deck is survived by two brothers and a sister-in-law, William "Bill" Gangwer of Goshen, and Paul and Berneta Gangwer of LaGrange; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Klemm of Elkhart, Margaret and Lejeune Morrison of Wolcottville and Rosalie and John Rosenogle of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Mary Lou Danner; two brothers, Donald and Dean Gangwer; and three sisters, Lois Wert, Vada Vaughn and Grace Honeywell.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Rachel Bales-Case will officiate.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Gideons or Kimmell United Methodist Church.

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Sharon Hudson

LIMA, Ohio — Sharon A. Hudson, 56, of Lima died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Lima Memorial Health Systems.

Mrs. Hudson was a homemaker and a past member of American Legion Auxiliary 96.

She was born Oct. 23, 1949, in Allen County, Ohio, to Gilbert O. and Nellie M. (Moore) Byer. She married Darrell L. Hudson on Feb. 13, 1972. He survives.

Mrs. Hudson is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Clyde and Arlene Byer of Uniopolis, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Wanda and Charlie Yoder of LaGrange and Bonnie Byer of Columbus, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Gilbert Byer Jr., Roger Byer, Richard Byer and an infant brother; two sisters, Wilma Jean Byer and Zepha Byer; a half brother, William Woolf; and four half sisters, Margaret Harmon, Betty Hollon, Elizabeth Smith and Vivian Albaugh.

There will be no services or calling.

Chiles & Sons-Laman Lewis Chapel, Lima, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.chiles-lamanfh.com.

Irene Schenher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene L. Schenher, 87, of Kendallville died at 5 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins), 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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Ora Gisel set an example of faith

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Ora Gisel, center, with his surviving children, from left, JoEllen Sprankle, Cathy Lee, Tom and Bill Gisel.

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BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Outwardly, Ora Gisel never thought of himself as a very good father.

To his four surviving children, myself included, he often would say something like: "I am afraid I wasn't a very good father," and then he would go on to list an inventory of his perceived shortcomings.

In reality, he was one of the best dads anyone could have.

Dad died Feb. 28, at age 85 and after a very short illness. Always setting an example for his kids — myself, my brother, Tom, and sisters JoEllen and Cathy — he demonstrated for us in the days before his passing a remarkable faith in his Lord Jesus.

A week before he succumbed to old age, my brother and I were called to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. The nursing staff said Dad's vital signs were deteriorating and that we might want to come to be with him.

Tom Novy (known to many as "Father" Tom), director of pastoral care at Provena, was with dad, alternating between prayer and singing what he knew to be my father's favorite old hymns.

We learned Dad's blood pressure and oxygen level were extremely low; his breathing was labored and seemed to stop momentarily from time to time, only to resume with a heaved sigh. Once or twice he opened his eyes, but seemed to see nothing.

With our wives and led by "Father" Tom, we joined hands in prayer. Another hymn was started, and I noticed that Dad's feet were keeping time to the lyrics.

Dad had, for most of his life, sang in the choir at Faith United Methodist Church. In high school, he played the trumpet. Neither my brother Tom nor I inherited his singing voice, but we did our best to offer up our praise.

Later, Dad's pastor, the Rev. Jim Toole, joined us in the singing. Unable to speak, Dad nevertheless began to hum in perfect pitch, his amazingly strong notes adding some much-needed harmony.

A nurse came in a short while later to check Dad's vital signs. She couldn't believe that Dad's blood pressure was normal, and his oxygen level had risen to an acceptable level. We had undoubtedly witnessed a miraculous turnaround!

I think we all knew that the improvement was temporary. Dad had stopped eating, and his living will precluded any measures to extend his life artificially. Still, for those of us who witnessed his turnaround that night, it was proof that there is a power greater than ourselves.

Dad's life always was one of faith. He took us to Sunday school and church from birth, and prayers were offered before every meal shared at the family table.

The morning I left for the military service in 1968, I woke to find my dad kneeling by my bed in prayer. He believed that if he asked, God would take care of me — and the rest of his children — no matter what.

I was home on leave in 1970 when my youngest brother, Chuck, drowned while skiing at Adams Lake. Dad took it hard, but showed the rest of us that grief, like joy, is a part of life that can't be ignored.

The oldest son, I also was the black sheep of the Gisel brood. Through my many years of alcoholism, my dad never stopped loving me and — most importantly — never criticized me. He just kept the faith, knowing somehow that I would one day get my act together.

I had to learn how to have faith through my recovery, a process that this month marks 12 years of slow and sometimes painful growth. Dad had the faith all along. I think they call it "faith of our fathers."

I am just so grateful that my faith gets strengthened each and every day. I may not have a singing voice, but I can at least keep time to the music.

"Thanks, Dad."

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Irene Schenher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene L. Schenher, 87, of Kendallville died at 5 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Schenher

A lifetime area resident, Mrs. Schenher was a bookkeeper at Noble County Savings & Loan Association for many years. She retired in 1992 from Kendallville Central Elementary School, where she had worked as a teacher's aide.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, past president of the Rosary Sodality, past president of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary, a 60-year member of the Beta Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa and the secretary and treasurer of her high school class, for whom she helped organize many reunions. She was loved by many nieces, nephews and special pets.

Mrs. Schenher was born Nov. 10, 1918, in Kendallville to Harmon A. and Josephine V. (Vetter) Parker. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1936. She married Carl Paul Schenher on Nov. 15, 1947, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on March 28, 1971.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Mary Parker of Kendallville and Betty Parker of Kendallville; six nieces and their spouses, Cindy and Jack Jollief, Susan Parker and Pam Bradshaw, all of Kendallville, Sara and Mike Ley of Auburn, Emily and Bob Lesica of New Jersey and Jan Ericksen of Kenosha, Wis.; four nephews and their spouses, Ned and Sherry Parker of Kendallville, Nathan and Diana Parker of Fort Wayne, Gregg and Pam Parker of Wolcottville and Todd and Belinda Parker of Charles Town, W.Va.; and 54 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mrs. Schenher was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert C. "Bud" Parker and William B. Parker.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Lourdino Fernandes will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Ned Parker, Nate Parker, Zachary Sturgis, Seth Boszor, Greg Parker and Roger Helmkamp.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) in Kendallville, with rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Humane Shelter and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

Addie Slone

WAWAKA — Addie B. Slone, 77, of Wawaka died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following open heart surgery earlier this month.

Mrs. Slone

Mrs. Slone was employed for 22 years with Essex Wire in Topeka and was a member of Charity United Baptist Church near LaGrange. She loved to take care of her garden, flowers and chickens. She liked to watch hummingbirds and work puzzles.

She was born Jan. 16, 1929, in Hollybush, Ky., to Floyd and Louise (Caudill) Caudill. She married Garland "Rusty" Slone on July 1, 1949, in Kentucky. He survives in Wawaka.

Mrs. Slone is also survived by a three daughters and a son-in-law, Freda and Silas Ritchie of Frenchburg, Ky., Betty L. Slone of Wawaka and Devonna Albaugh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Nina Slone Sr. of Albion; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bruce Caudill of Marion, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange County. The Revs. Willie Collins and Terry Tuttle will officiate. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the church, with an evening service at 6 p.m. both nights.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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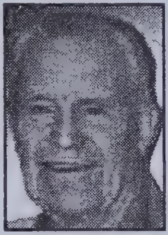
Stephen Horn

ANGOLA — Stephen D. Horn, 96, of Angola died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Mr. Horn had worked as manager of the Angola Conservation Club, where he was also a member.


Mr. Horn

He was born May 31, 1909, in Steuben County to John Paul and Verle (Delancey) Horn. He married Doris Horn. She preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 1993.

Mr. Horn is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell "Gab" and Pam Horn of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Edward Sonner of Bryan, Ohio; a sister, Lillian Fisher of Angola; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters; a stepson; and numerous step-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Bessie Moss.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Oscar Grogg

AUBURN — Oscar D. "Sam" Grogg, 87, of Auburn died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Before retirement in 1983, Mr. Grogg was plant manager with Frazier Farm Equipment for many years and worked at ACD as an assembler. He formerly served as a volunteer Auburn firefighter for 19 years and was an avid golfer. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Auburn. He married Helen M. (Paulen) Grogg. She survives in Auburn.

Mr. Grogg is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Bud and Linda Grogg of Angola and Don and Karen Grogg of Auburn; four grandchildren, Scott Grogg of Hudson, Chris Grogg of Fremont, Stacey Crowl of St. Joe and Bryan Grogg of Auburn; a stepgrandson, Derek Lipely of Angola; 10 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Lloyd Courtright

LIGONIER — Lloyd W. Courtright, 73, of LaGrange and formerly of Rome City died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Life Care of LaGrange.

An area resident for over 40 years, Mr. Courtright had worked in production at Walker's Manufacturing in Ligonier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean conflict. He loved fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Ohio to Jessie and Mary (Wilson) Courtright. He married Lois (Musser) Courtright in 1962 in South Carolina. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Courtright is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Anita Courtright of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Randy Peterson of Cromwell; a stepson, David Elijah of Windsor, S.C.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Tracey and Dean Howard of Ligonier and Teresa and Jerry Duncan of Windsor; a brother, Wade Courtright of Cincinnati; two grandchildren; two adopted grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Eddie Hancock.

There will be no services or calling. Cremation will take place.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Erma Stump

LIGONIER — Erma L. Stump, 98, of Ligonier and formerly of Cromwell and Washington Township, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Stump was a lifetime area resident. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Salem Community Church and its Ladies Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Washington Township Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Stump enjoyed gardening, bird watching, reading, going on drives and watching game shows. At one time she had played softball and enjoyed watching baseball games.

She was born Oct. 11, 1907, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Jonathan and Pearl (Todd) Hontz. She married Chester Leroy Stump on Sept. 29, 1929, in Etna. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joy Weimer of Ligonier and Judy and Earl Crider of Kimmell; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Mary Harman, Mildred Stump, Mabel Young, Cleo Trimmer and Neva Rebman; two brothers, Dale Hontz and Thomas Hontz; and a half brother, Horace Carpenter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Salem Community Church with the Rev. John Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Salem Community Church.

Ruth Webb

LAOTTO — Ruth Eleanor Smith Webb, 86, of LaOtto died Saturday, March 25, 2006, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Webb was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ in Fort Wayne, the Home Economics Club and Miniatures Club and was an avid bowler.

She was born Aug. 5, 1919, in Huntington to Carl C. and Freda S. (Stephan) Smith.

On June 16, 1940, in Huntington, she married Donald M. Webb. He died Dec. 12, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, James H. Webb of LaOtto and Donald R. Webb of Huntington; two daughters, Kathleen Webb and Susanne Dick, both of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Smith.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Norman A. Conklin officiating. Private burial will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem United Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wayne Burton

STOCKWELL — Wayne R. Burton, 85, of Stockwell died at 9:25 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at Home Hospital.

Mr. Burton was a lifetime resident of Stockwell and 1938 graduate of Stockwell High School. He was a farmer. He had also farmed at the Indiana Pythian Home for 57 years.

He was a member of Brady Lane Church of Christ, Farm Bureau, Tippy Camping Club and a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Burton had served on the board of directors and was past secretary of Tipmont REMC, had served on the Tippecanoe County 4-H board and was active on various Lauramie Township boards.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling and farming and spending the winter months in Lake Wales, Fla.

Mr. Burton was born Aug. 12, 1920, in Stockwell to F. Elmer and Esther Mae (Reene) Burton. He married Bette L. Johnson on May 17, 1941, in Stockwell. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and three daughters; and seven grandchildren including Steve and Ginny Wheeler of Kendallville; and 10 great-grandchildren, Josh Wheeler of Vincennes, Greg Wheeler of Lafayette and Erika Wheeler of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., Lafayette.

Calling will be from 4-7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 1415-202 W. Salem St., Lafayette, IN 47904; Brandy Lane Church of Christ, 2702 Brady Lane, Lafayette, IN 47909; or First Christian Church, 705 S. 14th St., Haines City, FL 33844.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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Kathleen Kuzniar

CHURUBUSCO — Kathleen M. Kuzniar, 48, of Churubusco died at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past year and entered the hospital one week ago.

Mrs. Kuzniar

She had spent her formative years in Noble County and had lived in Churubusco for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Kuzniar had been employed for five years at Bargman Co. in Albion and was currently employed in data entry for the U.S. Postal Service Remote and Encoding Center in Fort Wayne.

She was past president of the Turtle Days Board of Directors.

Mrs. Kuzniar was a veracious reader. She was devoted to her family.

She was born April 10, 1957, in Wolf Lake to Merle and Marie (Goodrich) Brower. Her father died in 1995 and hei mother survives in Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are her children, Josh and Katy Knox of Albion, Emily Kuzniar of Indianapolis, and Aaron and Alec Kuznia, both of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and David McConnell of Churubusco and Pam and Gary Kohlmeier of Fort Wayne; her companion, Jose Flores of Anderson; her former husbands, Jim Knox of Fort Wayne and Robert Kuzniar of Columbia City; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Danny Pinto of St. John Bosco Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Churusbusco Public Library.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Beverly Richardson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Beverly Jean Richardson, 56, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at her home.

Survivor include her husband, Frank Richardson.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Charles Mossburg

AUBURN — Charles "Ray" Mossburg, 78, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Mossburg was a milk truck driver for Pure Sealed dairy in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1992.

He was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Vera Cruz, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Mossburg of Auburn; his children, Lynne Smith and Julie Mossburg, both of Huntington, Sandra Phillips of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Bob Miller and his wife, Cathy, of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Warmon of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Breanne Kohli of Auburn, Jessica Phillips and Jordon Phillips, both of Ketchikan, and John Mossburg of Huntington; and a great-granddaughter, Ava Kohli of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon Mossburg, in 1956.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn. A committal service will begin at 3 p.m. in Bluffton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are the to Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

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Delsmer Tackitt

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Delsmer Ora "Tack" Tackitt, 88, of Montgomery died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Tackitt was born March 21, 1918, in Zenia, Clay County, Ill. He was married to Bettie Rummel on July 25, 1964, in Alum Creek, Ohio. She survives.

He worked in the oil fields as a heavy equipment operator and a truck driver until he retired in the late 1980s. He loved music and could play almost any instrument by ear.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Linda and James Yarbrough and Karen and Richard Stevens, all of Florida, Patricia and Curt Savage of Iola, Shirley and Tom Henson of Zenia, Kathy and Michael Parshall of Albion, Mich., and Karleen Cruse of Hawaii; five sons and three daughters-in-law, William and Judy Tackitt of Huntington, Don and Linda Tackitt of Florida, Micheal and Bonnie Tackitt of Monticello, Ill., Klifton Crawford of East Sparta, Ohio and Kip Crawford of Hillsdale, Mich.; his former wife, Eileen McCormic of Flora, Ill.; 46 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Hazekamp officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-4 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Emil Wright

FORT WAYNE — Emil W. Wright, 37, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wright

Mr. Wright worked in the maintenance department for DeKalb Eastern Schools for the past five years. He was a member of Beautiful Savior Church in Fort Wayne. He enjoyed his cat, Toby, and his pet skunk, Cocoa.

He was born July 20, 1968, in St. Joseph, Mich.

Surviving are his father, Emil Wright of Gold Hill, Ore.; his mother, Sandy Moloy of Texas; a grandmother, Anita Wright of Sodus, Mich.; a brother, Benjamin Wright of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and his fiance, Karen Gansmiller, and her children, Brittany, Cody, Kayla and Anna, all of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Tom Speidel will officiate.

Burial will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Sodus, Mich. The Rev. Robert Duehlmeyer will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Hospital heart unit.

Anna Green

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Anna M. Green, 89, of Montpelier died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Evergreen Manor in Montpelier.

Mrs. Green was born Dec. 8, 1916, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Glen J. and Nora (Billow) Zigler. She was a lifetime member of the Reading, Mich., American Legion Auxiliary and attended the Lick Creek Church of the Brethren.

She married Cleo "Sox" Green on Dec. 8, 1935. He preceded her in death on March 13, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Bobby Skeens of Hamilton; a daughter-in-law, Mary Green of Montpelier; three sisters, Katherine "Kate" Jenkins of Fremont, Margaret Rigelman of Montgomery, Mich., and Irene Messenger of Niles, Mich.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Olan and Jean Zigler of Florida and Clarance Whirledge of Middlebury; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Ronnie Green Sr.; a granddaughter, Theresa; two sisters, Martha and Frances; and four brothers, Roy, Dale, George and Glen.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, with the Revs. David Miller and Randy Short officiating. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery, Hillsdale County.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Reading American Legion or Lick Creek Church.

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Lois Colwell

ANGOLA — Lois M. (Ridenour) Colwell, 80, of Angola died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Colwell

Mrs. Colwell was born April 9, 1925, in Olive Hill, Ky., to Louis and Grace (Howard) Henderson. She was married to Charles "Pete" Colwell in 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1981. She then married Burdett Ridenour in 1995, and he preceded her in death in 1998.

She was a former lab technician at Eli Lilly in Greenfield. She was also a caregiver for many years.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church, the Friendship Club of Fremont, the Orland American Legion Auxiliary and the 8 & 40 Salon. Her hobbies included quilting and painting. She had lived most of her life in Steuben County.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheila and John Petry of Angola and Terry and Sam Presley of Fremont; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Michael and Wendy Ridenour of Quincy, Mich.; two sisters, Josephine Graham of Sun City, Ariz., and Margaret Levitt of Fortville; six brothers, Ralph Henderson of Carthage, Raymond Henderson of Brooksville, Fla., Robert Henderson of Arizona, Bill Henderson of Rushville, Richard Henderson of Floyds Knob and Charles Henderson of Greenfield; two grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jerry Strahan officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church.

Doris Wisniewski

FORT WAYNE — Doris I. Wisniewski, 77, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wisniewski was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 409 and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She was born Jan. 12, 1929, in Fort Wayne

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard P. Wisniewski of Fort Wayne and Daniel S. and Kathi Wisniewski of Ashley, and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 1986; a daughter, Sharon, in 1951; a son, Frank, in 1949; a sister, Mary Ann Rodgers; two brothers, Paul and Philip Lutz; and her parents, Grover and Mary Lutz.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Father John Kuzmich will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or the American Cancer Society.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

C.J. Halsey

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — C.J. Halsey, 74, of Lake Forest died Saturday, March 25, 2006, in Lake Forest.

Mr. Halsey was born in Steuben County on May 15, 1931. He had lived in Lake Forest for 42 years.

He was the former owner of Jensen Boot Shop on Market Square in Lake Forest. He retired in 1996 from Walgreens Drug Store, where he was store manager. He had also been a store manager of all the Jewel Food Stores in Waukegan, Ill.

He served as sergeant major in the 5th Army Officers Separation Center at Fort Sheridan, Ill., from 1953-55. He was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Lake Forest.

He was the former president of the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce. He was a former member of the Rotary Club in Lake Forest and served as the organization's program chairman for five years. He was the former city treasurer of Lake Forest, serving for three years.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara B. Halsey; a sister-in-law, Elsie Halsey of Angola; and four nieces and nephews, Diana Clark, Deborah Halsey, Renee Heller and Rex Halsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard Halsey and Lee Halsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Church of the Holy Spirit. Burial will be in Lake Forest Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at Wenban Funeral Home, Lake Forest.

Memorials are to Church of the Holy Spirit.

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Beverly Richardson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Beverly Jean Richardson, 56, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Richardson was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was the manager of the gift shop at the Howe toll road plaza.

Mrs. Richardson was a member of the Eagles Lodge in LaGrange and Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Aug. 1, 1949, in Sturgis, Mich., to Thomas H. and Norma M. (Zook) Baker. They are deceased. She married Franklin Richardson Feb. 11, 1967, in Rome City. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffery Richardson of Wolcottville, Franklin and Kimberly Richardson of Ligonier and Michael and Heather Richardson of Orland; two daughters, Amy Morgan of Mongo and Jayne Richardson of Wolcottville; a sister, Madonna Prough of Howe; two brothers, Robert Baker of Cromwell and Howard Baker of Ligonier; and 14 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Tonya Richardson, in October 1970; and a sister, Norma Joan Burkhart, on Oct. 20, 2000.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Beverly Barkey

TOPEKA — Beverly E. Barkey, 59, of Topeka died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Miss Barkey

Miss Barkey was a lifetime area resident.

She enjoyed reading books and painting patterns for pillowcases as a hobby.

She was born July 31, 1946, in Angola to Otho Barkey and Bermuda (Vaughn) Blake. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Toledo, Ohio.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde Barkey of Ligonier; a daughter, Emma Barkey of Cromwell; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Wyatt and Ralph Wilson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Beulah Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — Beulah Mae Kammerer, 86, o Kendallville died at 9:45 p.m Monday, March 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Jessie Yunker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jessie Marie Yunker, 86, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Yunker had spent most of her life in LaGrange.

She had been a nurses' aide at LaGrange Hospital for 13 years and a homemaker.

With her husband, John, she had owned and operated Yunker's Apple Orchard.

She was a member of a musical organization called the Organ Club.

Mrs. Yunker was born April 12, 1919, in Ellendale, N.D., to Charles A. and Eva (Koup) Chilson. She married John R. Yunker on June 11, 1938. He died June 6, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack Steven and Linda Yunker of Wolcottville and John Phillip Yunker of LaGrange; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Rick Hart of Wolcottville and LuAnn Coda of West Lafayette; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Chilson and Charles Anders; and a sister, Ethel Crowl.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Joel Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, 301 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne, IN 46855.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Esther Viall

BUTLER — Esther C. Viall, 97, of rural Butler died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 10:10 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Viall was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church, the Mary Martha Circle, the Edgerton Garden Club, the Pythian Sisters and Evening Star Chapter 14, Order of the Eastern Star in Edgerton, Ohio, of which she was a member for more than 60 years. She also was a member of the Daughters of Mokanna.

Mrs. Viall

She was born May 21, 1908, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County, north of Butler, to Charles Henry and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge.

She married Emmett A. Viall on Sept. 16, 1928, in Butler. He died March 16, 1995.

Surviving are one niece, Carolyn Dennis of DelRay Beach, Fla.; and four nephews, Roger Moughler of Butler, Jack Ridge of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Jim Ridge of Hinsdale, Ill., and Jeff Ridge of Butler.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Moughler; and one brother, C. Robert Ridge.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Tim Gleason officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church or the Masonic Children's Home. Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

M. Ellen Deems

FORT WAYNE — M. Ellen Deems, 89, of Fort Wayne died at 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Deems

She was born April 7, 1916, in Chicago to Cassius C. and Alice A. (Powers) Smith. She was a graduate of Rome City High School.

She married George "Judd" Deems on July 14, 1940, in Kendallville. He died Nov. 15, 1972.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann Marie and Ron Krock of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Kim G. and Barbara Deems of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Patricia "Trisha" Isaacs and Kristy Deems, both of Kendallville; and three great-grandchildren, Lauryn Isaacs, Zackary Isaacs and Emilee Deems.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home). Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

B. Mae Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — B. Mae Kammerer, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kammerer was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kammerer

She was born Aug. 23, 1919, in LaGrange to Allen and Minnie (Walter) Hart. She married LeRoy W. Kammerer on Feb. 23, 1940, at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna. He died April 9, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Sherrill and Paula Kammerer of Kendallville; five grandchildren and their spouses, Karla and Tracy Conrad, Kelly and Rhea Kammerer and Klint Kammerer, all of Kendallville, Cindy and Jack Koogler of Ossian and Scott and Cindy Kammerer of Fort Wayne; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Sheldon L. Kammerer; and her brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mary Sue Hyitt

CONVOY, Ohio — Mary Sue Hyitt, 70, of Convoy died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 12:55 a.m. at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

She was the former owner of The Tavern in Convoy. She also had worked as a waitress at The Tavern and at Ziggy's Bar in Convoy.

She was born June 30, 1935, in Floyd County, Ky., to Cola B. and Rebecca J. (Ratliff) Orsbon. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, James E. Hyitt, died in May 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nicola and James Tilbury of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sharon Hyitt of Convoy; a brother and sister-in-law, Rodney and Monty Kay Orsbon of Convoy; five grandchildren and their spouses, Andrew and Stephanie Rice of Waterloo, Kirby Rice of Waterloo, Jessica Boyer of Auburn, Rusty and Amy Hyitt of Van Wert, Ohio, and J Hyitt of Convoy; a great-grandchild, Hailey Boyer; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Allyson Evans and Marissa Miller.

She was preceded in death by a son, Russell N. "Rusty" Hyitt; and a brother, Jerry W. Orsbon.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Gearhart, Mack & Jurczyk Funeral Home in Convoy. The Rev. Kenyon Kaehr will officiate. Burial will be in Convoy IOOF Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice program. Condolences may be sent to agfh@bright.net.

Claire Helmuth

HOWE — Claire Helmuth was stillborn Sunday, March 26, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

She was the daughter of the Rev. Jerry L. and Amy M. (Doron) Helmuth of Howe.

Also surviving are a sister, Lily G. Helmuth at home; her grandparents, the Rev. Dale and Nancy Doron of Warsaw and Lee and Connie Helmuth of Grabill; and her great-grandmother, Ida Helmuth of Goshen.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Brighton Cemetery with the Rev. Dale Doron and Lee Helmuth officiating.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Eileen Jackson

FORT WAYNE — Eileen Rebecca "Toots" Jackson, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Ossian Health Care.

A native of DeKalb County, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Raymond and Laura Jackson of Roanoke and Robert Jackson of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Rose Jackson and Caren Merz, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 54 years, Franklin Albert Jackson; and two sons, Edward and Thomas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Elzey-Patterson & Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Demaris Jordan

HUNTERTOWN — Demaris J. (Martin) Jordan, 73, of Huntertown died Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Parkview Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had worked in clerical duties at Dana Corp. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Edward L. Jordan; three sons, Charles E. of Huntertown, Kent A. of Auburn and Harry S. of Churubusco; one daughter, Tamara A. Shumaker of Fort Wayne; several grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, where a vigil will begin at 4 p.m., and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are to Masses, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or the Allen County Heart Association.

Loren Heckler

MILTON, Fla. — Former Orland resident Loren R. Heckler, 77, of Milton died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Santa Rosa Medical Center in Milton.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

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Ralph Robbins

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph J. Robbins, 88, of Kendallville and formerly of LaGrange died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Robbins had moved to LaGrange County in 1957 from Fort Wayne.

He had retired from Norfolk & Southern Railroad after 36 years of service.

He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ.

Mr. Robbins was an avid fisherman.

He was born April 26, 1917, in Marshall County to Jerry and Carrie Louellen (Dorland) Robbins. He married Virginia R. Leslie on July 4, 1936, in Tippecanoe. She died Sept. 5, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and John Hose of Stroh and Barbara and Wilber Yoder of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. Jimmy L. and Shirley Robbins of Wawaka and Dale W. and Lorita Robbins of LaGrange; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry E. Robbins, on Feb. 20, 2001; a granddaughter, Kimberly Robbins, on July 3, 1985; and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Anita Browning

MEDFORD, Ore. — Anita Rose "Nonnie" (Paulus) Browning, 48, of Medford and formerly of Ligonier died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

Mrs. Browning

Mrs. Browning was in restaurant management.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She loved horses.

Mrs. Browning was born July 3, 1957, in Goshen to Eugene Albert and Catalina (Hernandez) Paulus. They are deceased. She married David J. Browning April 16, 1988, in Jacksonville, Fla. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina M. Dickerson of Savannah, Ga.; three brothers, Cyrus Paulus of Lufkin, Texas, Joseph Paulus of Syracuse and Marvin Paulus of Needville, Texas; and two sisters, Juanita Dzina of Jacksonville and Sharon Swank of Goshen.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Scleroderma Research Foundation, 220 Montgomery St., Suite 1411, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Bernice Ley

FORT WAYNE — Bernice M. Ley, 93, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ley was born in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church Rosary Sodality. She was a volunteer at the St. Joseph Hospital Gift Shop and St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy J. and David Brown of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Sally Ley and Timothy J. and Patty Ley, all of Fort Wayne, the Rev. Phillip G. Ley of San Antonio, Texas, and formerly of Steuben County and Michael D. and Ligia Ley of Havre, Mont., a sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Tom Bennett of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard E. Ley.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with rosary at 8:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to St. Jude Tuition Assistance Fund or Masses.

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Harley Kennedy Jr.

BRYAN, Ohio — Harley D. Kennedy Jr., 74, of Bryan died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Kennedy was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Monroeville to Harley D. Sr. and Mary (Pierce) Kennedy. He was married to Betty E. Steele on June 5, 1954, in Edgerton, Ohio. She survives.

He was employed by Diehl Inc. in Defiance, Ohio, retiring in 1999 with 19 years of service. He recently was employed part-time by Casebere Motor Sales in Bryan. He and his wife owned and operated the Plaza Motel in Bryan for 19 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion in Edgerton. He was also a member of Bryan Moose Lodge No.1064.

He was active in numerous Masonic organizations, including the Edgerton Masonic Lodge No. 357, where he was past master and longtime secretary; and Bryan Masonic Lodge No. 215, where he served as treasurer.

He was a member and past high priest of Northwest Chapter No. 45, R.A.M.; past district deputy grand high priest of the state of Ohio; a holder of the Meritorious Service Award of Grand Chapter; a member and past illustrious master of Bryan Council No. 101, R.&S.M. of Ohio; a member and past commander of Bryan Commandery K.T. No. 74; a holder of the Meritorious Award of Grand Commandery of Ohio; a member of Bryan Commandery, Defiance Commandery, Van Wert Commandery and the Tri-State Drill Teams; a member of the Bryan Temple Board, the Yeoman of York, Angola, Zenobia Shrine, Toledo, Ohio, the Northwest Shrine Club in Williams County, serving as secretary, the Ancient Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo, the Knight York Cross of Honor, serving as hospitaller, and the York Rite Soverign College, where he held the Purple Cross.

He was also a charter member of the Northwest High Twelve Club No. 535; a member and past excellent chief of Knight Masons of Ireland; a member and past high priest, Appolo Chapter R.A.M. of Ohio; a member of Royal Order of Scotland; a member and past grand Tall Cedar-Northwest Forest No. 187; a member of Blackstone College No. 195, Findlay, Ohio; a member and past soverign of Northwest Allied Masonic Degrees; Order of the Silver Trowell; Order of the High Priesthood; and knight commander of the temple.

Also surviving are a son, David Lee Kennedy of Bryan; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene L. and Virginia Kennedy of Ashley; and his nieces and nephews.

Services will be on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with the Rev. James O. Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery with grave side military rites conducted by member of the John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion, Edgerton.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Meredith Krouse

ANGOLA — Meredith "Susie" W. Krouse, 80, of Angola died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Krouse was born Dec. 18, 1925, in Ridgely, Tenn., to Frederick Wade and Maude (Hamilton) Wilbanks. She was married to Vernon E. "Bud" Krouse on June 22, 1957, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 2005.

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed sewing and reading and was an accomplished artist in acrylics.

Surviving are a son, Bradford W. Plom of Coldwater, Ohio; two daughters, Jacquelyn Jean Boetcker of Angola and Stephany Sue Holmes of Louisiana; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Cletus Wilbanks.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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Dr. Lew Wise

CHURUBUSCO — Dr. Lew E. Wise, 74, of Churubusco died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time and had been a patient at the hospital since Feb. 23.

Dr. Wise

He was a retired professor of education at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

He graduated from Indiana State University in 1957 and taught for two years at Paoli High School. He earned his master's degree from Indiana University and taught in the education department at Indiana University in Bloomington for 10 years. He completed his doctorate in education at Indiana University and served as a professor at IPFW for 26 years before retiring in 1995.

Dr. Wise moved to Churubusco from Fort Wayne in 1999 and had wintered in Ruskin, Fla., for more than 10 years.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Inc., National Science Teachers Association, Phi Delta Kappa, American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne and Lake Seneca Property Owners Association.

Dr. Wise had served on the board of directors of the Churubusco Public Library.

He loved spending time teaching his children and grandchildren to apply sound thought processes to deal with everyday life. He was an avid boater, volunteered in a local soup kitchen and enjoyed gardening, reading, singing, swimming, nurturing students and following IU basketball.

Dr. Wise was born Nov. 5, 1913, in Washington, Ind., to Wilbur R. and Emma (Hart) Wise. They are deceased.

He graduated from Washington High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., during the Korean conflict.

He married Peggy Warfield in 1951 and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth A. and Robert Schemm of Churubusco; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bret and June Wise of Lititz, Pa., and Steven W. Wise of Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, James D. and Patricia Wise of Bryant, Ark.; and six grandchildren, Andrew Schemm, Brendan Wise, Jack Wise, Scott Wise, Victoria Schemm and Natalie Wise.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs and the Rev. Robert Schemm officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Public Library or the Churubusco United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 29, 2006, Wednesday

James Bortner, 59

ALBION - James Michael Bortner, 59, of Albion died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Bortner had been employed at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, Leatherman Brothers, Black's car dealership, Central Noble School Corp. and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967 with one tour of duty in Vietnam from November 1966 to September 1967. He had received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Mr. Bortner was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

He was also an active member of American Legion Post 246, where he had served as Past Commander and held several other offices and had been the District Commander of the American Legion from 1990 to 1991. He was a member of the 40 & 8, the VFW, a life member of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Academy of Model Aeronautics, and a former member of the Albion Fire Department.

Mr. Bortner was involved in the marching lieutenants of the American Legion. Prior to his military service he had been involved in auto racing at the Avilla Motor Speedway. He had enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, building and flying small-engine aircraft and was well known for his woodworking.

He was born May 24, 1946, in Kendallville to Max and Virginia (Getts) Bortner. His father is deceased, and his mother survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Diann and Kent Shultz; three brothers, Jack Bortner and John Bortner, both of Auburn, and Jerry Bortner of Virginia; a special friend, Ilene Middleton of Albion; and several nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew.

Services were held Saturday March 27 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion or Albion American Legion Post 246.

Myrtle Burkett, 83

KIMMELL - Myrtle Burkett, 83, of Kimmell died Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at her home.

Mrs. Burkett had owned and operated Burkett's Restaurant in Kimmell and had retired from Essex Wire.

She had lived in Noble County since 1958.

Mrs. Burkett was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church and enjoyed gardening.

She was born Aug. 5, 1922, in Hindman, Ky., to Shelly and Essie (Hall) Day. She married Arnold Burkett on Feb. 21, 1971, in Syracuse. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammy Burkett of Ligonier; a brother, Burnis Day of Lexington, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Troy Conley of Lucasville, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by three daughters, Dalmanutha "Dee" Begley, Virgie Rensner and Stella Streb; a son, Shelby Amburgey; three sisters, Sadie Adkins, Eilene Parson and Lurania Blackburn; three brothers, John Day, James Day and Floyd Day; five stepsons; and two stepdaughters.

Services were held Friday March 24, 2006 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 29, 2006, Wednesday

Dorothy May Deck, 96

LIGONIER — Dorothy May Deck, 96, of Ligonier died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Avalon Village where she resided.

Mrs. Deck was a homemaker, a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church and a lifetime area resident. She loved flowers and gardening.

She was born Feb. 8, 1910 in Millersburg to Edward Gangwer and Wilma Stoner. She married William Danner, who was later killed in an automobile accident. She then married Donald Deck, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Deck is survived by two brothers and a sister-in-law, William "Bill" Gangwer of Goshen, and Paul and Berneta Gangwer of LaGrange; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Klemm of Elkhart, Margaret and Lejeune Morrison of Wolcottville and Rosalie and John Rosenogle of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Mary Lou Danner; two brothers, Donald and Dean Gangwer; and three sisters, Lois Wert, Vada Vaughn and Grace Honeywell.

Services were held Sunday March 26, 2006 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Rachel Bales-Case officiated.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Gideons or Kimmell United Methodist Church.

David DePew, 67

KENDALLVILLE - David S. DePew, 67, of Kendallville died at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. DePew had lived in Kendallville the past 18 years.

He had been a custodian at Trinity Church United Methodist and at KPC Media Group in Kendallville.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School.

Mr. DePew was an accomplished artist and woodcarver. He enjoyed composing music.

He was born May 26, 1938, in Garrett to Ralph and Helen (Hawk) DePew.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Balzer of Kendallville and Ruth and Arnold Berryhill of Avilla; several nieces and nephews; and two special friends, Patsy Wines and Aileen Napier, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Bell Fee.

Graveside services were Friday March 24, 2006 at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiated.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

Joan Goodwin, 83

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Joan Breeden Goodwin, 83, of Colorado Springs died Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

She was born Feb. 22, 1923, in Albion to Carl Cary and Beth Lucile (Rimmel) Breeden.

She moved to Colorado Springs in 1966 and had resided in numerous places in the United States and England as a military wife.

Mrs. Goodwin enjoyed playing bridge, entertaining the Civil Engineers wives' group, and especially participating in the Kerygma Sunday school at First United Methodist Church.

She was an active volunteer in hospitals and schools.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay (L.E.) Gillard; and a grandson, Christopher Bryan; and relatives in the Albion area.

Services were held Tuesday March 21, 2006 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 605 E. Main St., Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

A memorial service was held in Colorado Springs on March 13.

(This obituary is being reprinted for additional information)

ALBION NEW ERA
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March 29, 2006, Wednesday

Lucinda Duffee, 95

CHURUBUSCO - Lucinda Longsworth Duffee, 95, of Avilla and formerly of Churubusco died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been ill the past 10 years.

Mrs. Duffee had been employed as a clerk at the former Shelton's IGA for 19 years.

She was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

She was born June 2, 1910, in Merriam to Melvin and Ida (Cunningham) Winebrenner. She married Ralph C. Longsworth in 1927, and he died May 23, 1973. She then married Paul Duffee in 1978.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Norma Jean Pettigrew of Fort Wayne and DeMaris Fry and Mary Jo and Robert Skinner, all of Churubusco; her former husband, Paul Duffee, of Xenia, Ohio; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Glenda and Jay Womack of Cedarville, Ohio, Donna Duffee of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Vicky and Tim Johnson of Jamestown, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Rista Friend, Opal Resler, Nellie Eslen and Eva Egolf; and three brothers, Ward Winebrenner, Denver Winebrenner and Don Winebrenner.

Services were held Saturday March 25, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Paul D. White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiated. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco Church of the Nazarene building fund or to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lorraine Johnson, 82

GARRETT — Lorraine Johnson, 82, a former Garrett resident, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked in sales for Western Union in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Harvest House.

She was born Feb. 20, 1924, in Garrett to Michael and Magdelena (Bapst) Johnson.

Surviving are a brother, Gerald R. Johnson of Garrett, and two sisters, Lucille Todd of Avilla and Marcella Lewis of Las Vegas, Nev.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Orville and Daniel Johnson and a sister, Esther Wilson.

Services were Monday March 28, 2006 in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi officiated. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolence thomas@skyenet.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 29, 2006, Wednesday

Kathleen M. Kuzniar, 48

Kathleen M. Kuzniar, 48 a resident of Churubusco, died at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past year and entered the hospital one week ago.

Mrs. Kuzniar was born on April 10, 1957 in Wolf Lake, the daughter of Merle and Marie (Goodrich) Brower. She spent her formative years in Noble County. She had lived in Churubusco for over 20 years and was formerly employed at Bargman Company in Albion for five years.

She was presently employed in data entry for the U.S. Postal Remote and Encoding Center in Fort Wayne and was past president of the Churubusco Turtle Days board of directors.

In her leisure time she was a veracious reader and loved and enjoyed her family.

Surviving are her four children: Josh (Katy) Knox of Albion; Emily Kuzniar of Indianapolis; Aaron Kuzniar and Alec Kuzniar both of Churubusco. Three grandchildren. Her mother Marie Brower of Wolf Lake along with two sisters: Karen (David) McConnell of Churubusco and Pam (Gary) Kohlmeier of Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her companion Jose Flores of Anderson and her former husbands; Jim Knox of Fort Wayne and Robert Kuzniar of Columbia City.

Her father preceded her in death in 1995.

Funeral services were held Wednesday March 29, 2006 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Father Danney Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church officiated.

Internment was held in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco Public Library.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Addie B. Slone, 77

WAWAKA — Addie B. Slone, 77, of Wawaka died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following open heart surgery earlier this month.

She was born Jan. 16, 1929, in Hollybush, Ky., to Floyd and Louise (Caudill) Caudill. She married Garland "Rusty" Slone on July 1, 1949, in Kentucky.

Mrs. Slone was employed for 22 years with Essex Wire in Topeka and was a member of Charity United Baptist Church near LaGrange.

She loved to take care of her garden, flowers and chickens. She liked to watch the hummingbirds and work puzzles.

Mrs. Slone is survived by her husband of 57 years, Garland "Rusty" Slone of Wawaka. Three daughters and a son-in-law, Freda and Silas Ritchie of Frenchburg, Ky., Betty L. Slone of Wawaka and Devonna Albaugh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Nina Slone Sr. of Albion; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bruce Caudill of Marion, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers and two sisters.

Services were held Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange County. The Revs. Willie Collins and Terry Tuttle officiated. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 29, 2006, Wednesday

Morris Perkins, 71

GARRETT - Morris Edward Perkins, 71, of Garrett died at 10:25 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He had been a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home since January 2001 and had lived in Garrett for the previous 45 years.

Mr. Perkins was a truck driver for 15 years and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Dec. 21, 1934, in Ashley to Clarence and Leora (Landis) Perkins. They preceded him in death.

On June 3, 1955, in Taylor, S.C., he married Mary M. Pittman. She died Nov. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kay and Larry Lafevor of Avilla and April Perkins of Auburn; four grandchildren, Michelle Buhro and her husband, Brad, of Middletown, Mandy Davis and her husband, Corey, of St. Anne, Ill., Misty Parker and her husband, Bill, of Rome City and Mark Lafevor of Bourbonnais, Ill.; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Arnold Perkins of Wolcottville; and two sisters, Marilyn Hulen of Kendallville and Annabelle Conrad of Port Richey, Fla.

He also was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Carl Pittman; and mother-in-law, Elsie Pittman.

Graveside services were held Friday March 24, 2006 in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Tom Novy officiated. Garrett American Legion Post 178 conducted a military graveside service.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Frederick Petre, 75

WATERLOO - Frederick D. Petre, 75, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Petre worked in the shipping and receiving department at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 17 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and the Bass Masters Fishing Club, and he played the drums in the Don Warstler Country Boys Band for several years.

He was born July 25, 1929, in Hamilton to John Frederick and Elsie (Rogers) Petre. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Cook on Sept. 23, 1950 in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and Sandra Petre of Waterloo, John and Carole Petre of Auburn and Frederick Petre Jr. of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Patrick Blanton of Ashley, Barbara Sanders of Auburn and Beth and Tom Jensen of Ashley; three brothers, Andrew Petre of Albion, Gary Petre of Waterloo and Roger Petre of Butler; three sisters, Ellen Mae Brigle of Longwood, Fla., Juanetta Cook of Montpelier, Ohio, and Mary Aschelman of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Petre; and a brother, Richard Petre.

Services were held Friday March 24, 2006 in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl officiated. Burial was in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 29, 2006, Wednesday

Erma Stump, 98

LIGONIER - Erma L. Stump, 98, of Ligonier and formerly of Cromwell and Washington Township, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Stump was a lifetime area resident. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Salem Community Church and its Ladies Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Washington Township Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Stump enjoyed gardening, bird watching, reading, going on drives and watching game shows. At one time she had played softball and enjoyed watching baseball games.

She was born Oct. 11, 1907, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Jonathan and Pearl (Todd) Hontz. She married Chester Leroy Stump on Sept. 29, 1929 in Etna. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joy Weimer of Ligonier and Judy and Earl Crider of Kimmell; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Mary Harman, Mildred Stump, Mabel Young, Cleo Trimmer and Neva Rebman; two brothers, Dale Hontz and Thomas Hontz; and a half brother, Horace Carpenter.

Services were Wednesday March 29, 2006 at Salem Community Church. The Rev. John Morgan officiated. Burial was in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Memorials are to Salem Community Church.

Franklin Robert Jacob, 86

ALBION – Franklin Robert Jacob of Albion died Saturday, March 18, 2006, in Kendallville. He had been in declining health for 2 1/2 years.

Mr. Jacob was a retired Noble County Farmer and Pioneer Seed Salesman. He had lived all of his life in rural Noble County after his family moved here in 1920.

Mr. Jacob proudly served as a volunteer in the US Army during WWII from 1941 to 1945 in George S. Patton's 3rd Army where he received 4 Bronze Stars and a Defensive Service Medal. He was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Community Church in Albion and a member of the Albion American Legion Post #246.

He was born September 28, 1919 in Van Wert County, Ohio to Frank and Alma (Weller) Jacob. He married Dolores Valere (Olinghouse) Jacob on August 12, 1945 at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She survives in rural Albion.

Mr. Jacob is survived by 2 sons: Steven Franklin (Cinda) Jacob of Syracuse and Stanley Roy (Nancy) Jacob of Albion; 5 grandchildren: Rachel Myers, Janet (Scott) Rashley, Rebecca (Mark) Schroeder, Michael Stanley (Cara) Jacob and Jeffery Robert (Melanie) Jacob; 7 great-grandchildren: Sarah and Andrew Myers, Jolene, Cassie and Timmy Rashley, and Megan and Ryan Schroeder.

Mr. Jacob has 2 sisters that survive: Ilene Young of Kendallville and Leona Schwalbe of Bloomington, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 siblings: Wauneta Reed of Pennsauken, N.J. and D. Elon Jacob and 1 Daughter in Law: Phyllis (Loving) Jacob.

Services were held Wednesday, March 22 at the Rehoboth Missionary Community Church in rural Albion with Brazzell Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements. The Reverand Gerald Ringenberg officiated. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military graveside services conducted by the Albion American Legion Post #246.

Memorials are to the Rehoboth Missionary Community Church or The Albion Fire Department First Responder Program.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 30, 2006, Thursday

Green Sandlin

LIGONIER — Green Berry Sandlin, 71, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sandlin had moved to the Ligonier area 32 years ago from Goshen. He was a factory worker.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1934, in Anneta Ky., to James and Lurena (Scott) Sandlin. He married Reba Senff in Ligonier on May 8, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kay Aragon of Goshen and Karen Sandlin of Kansas; two stepdaughters, Connie Ray and Cindy Coyle, both of Ligonier; a brother, Harvey Sandlin of Smithgrove, Ky.; a half brother, Ruthford Skaggs; two sisters, Naomi Gaggers of Leitchfield, Ky., and Ethel Taylor of Otisco, Ind.; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two half brothers, Henry and Otis Skaggs; and a half sister, Jessie Smith.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation will take place.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Jordan Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Jordan Randall Miller, 10 1/2 months, died at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at his home. He had been ill since birth.

Jordan Miller

He was born May 11, 2005, in Goshen to Nelson and Amie (Riegsecker) Miller.

Surviving with his parents are a sister, Caitlin Rose Miller, at home; a brother, Weston Ray Miller, at home; grandparents, Randall and Sharon Riegsecker of Middlebury and A. Ray and Irene Miller of Wythville, Va.; great-grandparents, Glenn and Esther Riegsecker of Middlebury, Enos Miller of Mifflinburg, Pa. and Elsie Swarey of Mifflinburg; six aunts; and eight uncles.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Grove Conservative Mennonite Church, Millersburg, with his great-uncle, the Rev. Robert Riegsecker, and his grandfathers officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be his uncles, James Riegsecker and Enos Miller.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional survivors.*

Beverly Barkey

TOPEKA — Beverly E. Barkey, 59, of Topeka died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Miss Barkey was a lifetime area resident.

Miss Barkey

She enjoyed reading books and painting patterns for pillowcases as a hobby.

She was born July 31, 1946, in Angola to Otho Barkey and Bermuda (Vaughn) Blake. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde Barkey of Ligonier; a daughter, Emma Barkey of Cromwell; two brothers, Bert Barkey of Topeka and Earl Wilson of Albion; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Wyatt and Ralph Wilson.

Services were today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery in Ligonier.

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Margaret Brames

ANGOLA — Margaret M. Brames, 77, of Angola died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Brames was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Homestead, Pa., to George and Mary (Kundrat) Cimbal. She was married to Virgil Brames on May 3, 1975, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 2000.

She was an operator for General Telephone. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and lived on Long Lake for 25 years before moving to Cameron Woods Assisted Living.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Fran and Jerry Van Wagner of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George Cimbal.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church or Masses.

Loren Heckler

MILTON, Fla. — Former Orland resident Loren R. Heckler, 77, of Milton, Fla. died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Santa Rosa Medical Center in Milton.

Mr. Heckler was born March 8, 1929, in Fremont to Alonzo J. and Clara M. (Sweeney) Heckler. He was retired from the State of Indiana, where he worked as a toll road attendant.

He married Evelyn M. Musser on April 28, 1951, at the Flint United Methodist Church in Flint. She preceded him in death on Dec. 12, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Betsy Heckler of Milton and Steve and Cherie Heckler of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Audrey Prince and Erma Horine, both of Fort Wayne, and Lucy Heckman of Hastings, Mich.; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Phillip, and a sister, Adelle Long.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and also two hours before services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, rural Orland.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marlin Shupp

COLDWATER, Mich. — Former Fremont resident Marlin D. Shupp, 91, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at his home in Kinderhook Township.

Mr. Shupp was born Aug. 7, 1914, in Fremont to Milton and Ila (Bailey) Shupp. He married Doris Fern Paul on Dec. 30, 1950, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 8, 1999.

He was a farmer and former school bus driver for Coldwater Community Schools. He was a retired employee of Federal Mogul Co. in Coldwater and enjoyed doing carpentry work for his neighbors.

He enjoyed traveling, working in his yard and being at home and working in his house. He was a farmer outside of Fremont and then moved to Branch County, Mich., where he lived for a number of years at Coldwater Lake and farmed in rural Branch County.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, John and Shirley Shupp of Coldwater; special friends, Wally and Bev Cox of Coldwater; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kenneth Shupp.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to CHC Hospice, Coldwater.

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Sister Mary Lichko

AVILLA — Sister Mary Terese Lichko, O.S.F., 89, of Avilla died Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Sister Mary Terese had been a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart for 68 years. She had served as a nurse in hospitals in Illinois and California and had moved to Avilla from St. Francis Convent in Frankfort, Ill.

She had received her nursing degree from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Joliet, Ill., and received training at Los Angeles County Hospital and Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.

Sister Mary Terese had served at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, St. Anne's Maternity Home in Los Angeles, St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, Ill., St. Francis Hospital in Santa Barbara, Calif., Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles, St. Anthony Hospital in Chicago, and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Danville, Ill.

After retiring from nursing, she worked at the Motherhouse at St. Francis Convent in Frankfort.

Her biggest hobby was baking, which she did on the side for many years.

She was born May 8, 1916, in East Vandergrift, Pa., to Juliua and Theresa (Yashak) Lichko.

Surviving are two sisters, Julie Stewart of Ford City, Pa., and Ann Balakonis of East Orange, N.J.; and two brothers, Steve Lichko of Harper Woods, Mich., and John Lichko of Flat Rock, Mich.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel.

Memorials are to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Senior Sisters Retirement Fund, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423-8335.

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Sharlette McClanahan

MILLERSBURG — Sharlette McClanahan, 49, of Millersburg died at 3:11 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. McClanahan had moved to the area 35 years ago from West Virginia.

She had been employed at Lippert Components in Goshen and Supreme Corp. in Goshen.

Mrs. McClanahan

Mrs. McClanahan attended Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to the beach and collecting lighthouses.

She was born March 11, 1957, in Welch, W.Va., to James and Fern (Estep) Deskins. They survive in Ligonier. She married Richard McClanahan on July 12, 1974, in Albion. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Amy McClanahan of Angola and Kelli and Brandon York of Milford; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jerry and Phyllis Deskins of Arondale, W.Va., Arnold Deskins, and Robert and Charlie Deskins, all of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Donnie Myers of Cromwell; and three grandchildren, Cainan McClanahan and Kate York, both of Milford, and McKenzi Schlemmer of Angola.

Services were held Saturday at The Crosswalk in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, Texas 75244 or Ryan's Place, P.O. Box 75, Goshen, IN 46527.

Anna D. Miller

LIGONIER. — Anna D. Miller, 87, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 2, 1918, in LaGrange to Dainel D.M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Frey. She married Eli E. Miller on Feb. 29, 1940, in LaGrange County. He died Sept. 15, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Elva and Martha Miller, Howard and Esther Miller and Floyd and Clara Miller, all of Ligonier; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Harvey Fry of Ligonier, Ida and Daniel Yoder of Topeka, Elizabeth and Daniel Bontrager of LaGrange and Loretta and Olen Hochstedler of Kokomo; a brother, Daniel Frey of Downing, Mo.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary and Abe Bontrager of Shipshewana, Barbara and Omer Lambright of Topeka and Elizabeth Hochsteter of Topeka; 35 grandchildren; 119 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 24 step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Tobe, Joe and John Frey; a sister, Edna Hochstetler; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Sunday at the home of Merle Miller, 11424 N. C.R. 500W, Ligonier, with Bishop David Miller officiating.

Burial was in Hawpatch Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Bontrager, Merle Miller, DeWayne Miller, Delmar Miller, Glen Miller and Norman Miller.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Burkhead

NORTH WEBSTER — Jerry Lee Burkhead, 39, of North Webster died at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, on U.S. 6 West near Ligonier as the result of a car accident.

Mr. Burkhead worked at Liberty Homes, Syracuse. He was a 1985 graduate of Northridge High School.

He was born Jan. 10, 1967, in Altus, Ohio. His father, Ron Burkhead, survives in Goshen. His mother and stepfather, Faye and Edward Rustad, survive in Lillian, Ala.

Mr. Burkhead

Mr. Burkhead is also survived by a son, Harley Burkhead of North Webster; two daughters, Andrea Burkhead of North Webster and Julieann Burkhead of Cromwell; a sister, Miranda Burkhead of Wakarusa; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gary Burkhead of Elkhart and Mark and Wendy Burkhead and Troy and Rebecca Burkhead, all of Middlebury.

Services were Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. The Rev. Chris Knight officiated. Burial was at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be left at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Anita Browning

MEDFORD, Ore. — Anita Rose "Nonnie" (Paulus) Browning, 48, of Medford and formerly of Ligonier died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

She had been in restaurant management.

She was a beloved wife, mother, sister and friend. Anita touched the lives of all those around her in a special way that words cannot describe. Those fortunate enough to have known her are blessed with her great memories. Nonnie, we miss you and will cherish forever the time we had with you.

Mrs. Browning

She enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She had a great love of horses.

Mrs. Browning was born July 3, 1957, in Goshen to Eugene Albert and Catalina (Hernandez) Paulus. They are deceased. She married David J. Browning April 16, 1988, in Jacksonville, Fla. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina M. Dickerson of Savannah, Ga.; three brothers, Cyrus Paulus of Lufkin, Texas, Joseph Paulus of Syracuse and Marvin Paulus of Needville, Texas; and two sisters, Juanita Dzina of Jacksonville and Sharon Swank of Goshen.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Scleroderma Research Foundation, 220 Montgomery St., Suite 1411, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Dorothy Deck

LIGONIER — Dorothy May Deck, 96, of Ligonier died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Avalon Village, where she resided.

Mrs. Deck was a homemaker, a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church and a lifetime area resident. She loved flowers and gardening.

She was born Feb. 8, 1910, in Millersburg to Edward Gangwer and Wilma Stoner. She married William Danner, who was later killed in an automobile accident. She then married Donald Deck, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Deck is survived by two brothers and a sister-in-law, William "Bill" Gangwer of Goshen, and Paul and Berneta Gangwer of LaGrange; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Klemm of Elkhart, Margaret and Lejeune Morrison of Wolcottville and Rosalie and John Rosenogle of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Mary Lou Danner; two brothers, Donald and Dean Gangwer; and three sisters, Lois Wert, Vada Vaughn and Grace Honeywell.

Services were Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Rachel Bales-Case officiated.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Gideons or Kimmell United Methodist Church.

Addie Slone

WAWAKA — Addie B. Slone, 77, of Wawaka died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following open heart surgery earlier this month.

Mrs. Slone was employed for 22 years with Essex Wire in Topeka and was a member of Charity United Baptist Church near LaGrange. She loved to take care of her garden, flowers and chickens. She liked to watch hummingbirds and work puzzles.

She was born Jan. 16, 1929, in Hollybush, Ky., to Floyd and Louise (Caudill) Caudill. She married Garland "Rusty" Slone on July 1, 1949, in Kentucky. He survives in Wawaka.

Mrs. Slone is also survived by a three daughters and a son-in-law, Freda and Silas Ritchie of Frenchburg, Ky., Betty L. Slone of Wawaka and Devonna Albaugh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Nina Slone Sr. of Albion; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bruce Caudill of Marion, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers and two sisters.

Services were Wednesday at Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange County. The Revs. Willie Collins and Terry Tuttle officiated. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Lloyd Courtright

LIGONIER — Lloyd W. Courtright, 73, of LaGrange and formerly of Rome City died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Life Care of LaGrange.

An area resident for over 40 years, Mr. Courtright had worked in production at Walker's Manufacturing in Ligonier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean conflict. He loved fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Ohio to Jessie and Mary (Wilson) Courtright. He married Lois (Musser) Courtright in 1962 in South Carolina. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Courtright is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Anita Courtright of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Randy Peterson of Cromwell; a stepson, David Elijah of Windsor, S.C.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Tracey and Dean Howard of Ligonier and Teresa and Jerry Duncan of Windsor; a brother, Wade Courtright of Cincinnati; two grandchildren; two adopted grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and 11 stepgreatgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Eddie Hancock.

There were no services or calling. Cremation will take place.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kathleen Kuzniar

CHURUBUSCO — Kathleen M. Kuzniar, 48, of Churubusco died at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past year and entered the hospital one week ago.

She had spent her formative years in Noble County and had lived in Churubusco for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Kuzniar had been employed for five years at Bargman Co. in Albion and was currently employed in data entry for the U.S. Postal Service Remote and Encoding Center in Fort Wayne.

She was past president of the Turtle Days Board of Directors.

Mrs. Kuzniar was a veracious reader. She was devoted to her family.

She was born April 10, 1957, in Wolf Lake to Merle and Marie (Goodrich) Brower. Her father died in 1995 and her mother survives in Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are her children, Josh and Katy Knox of Albion, Emily Kuzniar of Indianapolis, and Aaron and Alec Kuznia, both of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and David McConnell of Churubusco and Pam and Gary Kohlmeier of Fort Wayne; her companion, Jose Flores of Anderson; her former husbands, Jim Knox of Fort Wayne and Robert Kuzniar of Columbia City; and three grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Danny Pinto of St. John Bosco Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Memorials are to the Churusbusco Public Library.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Beverly Richardson

WOLCOTTVILLE. — Beverly Jean Richardson, 56, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Richardson was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was the manager of the gift shop at the Howe toll road plaza.

Mrs. Richardson was a member of the Eagles Lodge in LaGrange and Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Aug. 1, 1949, in Sturgis, Mich., to Thomas H. and Norma M. (Zook) Baker. They are deceased. She married Franklin Richardson Feb. 11, 1967, in Rome City. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffery Richardson of Wolcottville, Franklin and Kimberly Richardson of Ligonier and Michael and Heather Richardson of Orland; two daughters, Amy Morgan of Mongo and Jayne Richardson of Wolcottville; a sister, Madonna Prough of Howe; two brothers, Robert Baker of Cromwell and Howard Baker of Ligonier; and 14 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Tonya Richardson, in October 1970; and a sister, Norma Joan Burkhart, on Oct. 20, 2000.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Erma Stump

LIGONIER. — Erma L. Stump, 98, of Ligonier, and formerly of Cromwell, and Washington Township, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Stump was a lifetime area resident. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Salem Community Church and its Ladies Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Washington Township Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Stump enjoyed gardening, bird watching, reading, going on drives and watching game shows. At one time she had played softball and enjoyed watching baseball games.

She was born Oct. 11, 1907, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Jonathan and Pearl (Todd) Hontz. She married Chester Leroy Stump on Sept. 29, 1929, in Etna. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joy Weimer of Ligonier and Judy and Earl Crider of Kimmell; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

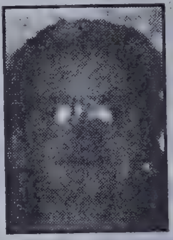
She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Mary Harman, Mildred Stump, Mabel Young, Cleo Trimmer and Neva Rebman; two brothers, Dale Hontz and Thomas Hontz; and a half brother, Horace Carpenter.

Services were Wednesday at Salem Community Church with the Rev. John Morgan officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Memorials are to Salem Community Church.

Beverly Barkey

TOPEKA — Beverly E. Barkey, 59, of Topeka died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.


Mrs. Barkey

Miss Barkey was a lifetime area resident.

She enjoyed reading books and painting patterns for pillowcases as a hobby.

She was born July 31, 1946, in Angola to Otho Barkey and Bermuda (Vaughn) Blake. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde Barkey of Ligonier; a daughter, Emma Barkey of Cromwell; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Other survivors include brothers Bert Barkey of Topeka and Earl Wilson of Albion.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Wyatt and Ralph Wilson.

Services were Thursday morning at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was set for Salem Cemetery in Ligonier.

Green Sandlin

LIGONIER — Green Berry Sandlin, 71, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at his home.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1934 in Anneta Ky. His parents were James and Lurrena (Scott) Sandlin. He lived in the Ligonier area for 32 years, having moved here from Goshen.

On May 8, 1973 he married Reba (Senff), in Ligonier.

He was employed at local factories.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Kay Aragon of Goshen, and Karen Sandlin of Kansas; step-daughters Connie Ray and Cindy Coyle, both of Ligonier; a brother, Harvey Sandlin of Smithgrove, Ky.; sisters, Naomi Gaggers, Leitchfield, Ky., and Ethel Taylor, Otisco, Ind.; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two half-brothers, Henry and Otis Skaggs, and a half-sister, Jessie Smith.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation will take place.

Arrangements are being handled by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Loren Heckler

MILTON, Fla. — Former Orland resident Loren R. Heckler, 77, of Milton died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Santa Rosa Medical Center in Milton.

Mr. Heckler was born March 8, 1929, in Fremont to Alonzo J. and Clara M. (Sweeney) Heckler. He was retired from the state of Indiana, where he worked as a toll road attendant.

He married Evelyn M. Musser on April 28, 1951, at the Flint United Methodist Church in Flint. She preceded him in death on Dec. 12, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Betsy Heckler of Milton and Steve and Cherie Heckler of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Audrey Prince and Erma Horine, both of Fort Wayne, and Lucy Heckman of Hastings, Mich.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Phillip; and a sister, Adelle Long.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, rural Orland.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and also two hours before services on Saturday.

Memorials are to the family in care of H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home or the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

Condolences may be sent to hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert Stytle

DORTON, Ky. — Robert Stytle, 59, of Dorton and formerly of Hamilton died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at the Hazard ARH Hospital in Kentucky.

Mr. Stytle was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 23, 1947, to Eleanor (Hagerty) and Robert Stytle.

He was a police officer and a Vietnam veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Judy; his mother, Eleanor Chevillot of Hamilton; a son, James Robert Stytle of Crawfordsville; a daughter, Margret Mae Easterling of Dorton; a granddaughter, Madalyn Shayne Easterling; and several half brothers and half sisters.

Services were March 18 at the Hall & Jones Funeral Home in Virgie, Ky.

Burial was in the Ballard Osborne Cemetery, Owl Branch of Dorton.

Darlo Cook

LIGONIER — Darlo R. Cook, 48, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Cromwell.

Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook was a group leader at Union Products International in Cromwell.

He had lived in Noble County since 1972.

Mr. Cook was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed riding motorcycles, mushroom hunting and fishing.

He was born July 13, 1957, in Elkhart to Darlo "Bade" and Carol Sue "Poff" Cook. They are deceased. He married Rosemary Noonan on May 7, 1988, in Cromwell. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Derek Cook and Joshua Cook, both of Ligonier; two daughters, Katrina Bench of Ligonier and Danielle Noonan of Fort Wayne; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Tony Lee and Renee Cook of Sturgis, Mich., Mark Cook and Willy Cook, both of Fort Wayne, Shane and Jenny Cook and Chad Cook, all of Elizabeth, Ky.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joy and Dave Miller and Cindy and Denny Anderson, all of Ligonier, and Dawn and Tommy Gibson of Elizabethtown; a grandchild, Nicholas Malagon of Ligonier; a grandmother, Helen Wiles of Ligonier; and his in-laws, Rick and Gloria Tackitt of North Webster.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Darrell; and his twin brother, Darrell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Betty Skinner

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jo Skinner, 78, of Kendallville died at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Skinner had been a resident of Kendallville for the past nine years. She had been a nursing home aide.

She was born Dec. 24, 1927, in Poling, Ill., to Fred and Mary (Chrisman) Councilman.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Reid and Melody Skinner of Kendallville; a daughter, Bethany Ann Skinner of Indianapolis; three sisters, Connie Hearn and June Wells, both of Portland, and Lillian Byro of Sebring, Fla.; a brother, Peter Councilman of Portland; and two granddaughters, Tiffany Skinner and Taylor Skinner.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Rains, and a brother, Dale Councilman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian, Portland, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier of First Christian Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Greenpark Cemetery in Portland.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Academy, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

Betty Vernia

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Betty Vernia, 80, of Battle Creek died Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

She was born March 3, 1926, in DeKalb County to Paul and Blanche Smith.

Mrs. Vernia was a nurse in Battle Creek for 35 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Valerie and Vianna; a son, Steven; three stepchildren, Larry, Barbara and Terry; several grandchildren; five sisters, Hilda Reinoehl of Ashley, Janet Tracey of Ashley, Jeanne Knisley of Pleasant Lake, Isabelle Leas-Kravik and Beth Hoskins; and three brothers, Wayne Smith of Corunna, Van Smith of Ashley and Gilbert Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Vernia; a sister, Pauline McBride; and two brothers, Lloyd Smith and Richard Smith, who died in infancy.

Funeral services are pending in Battle Creek.

E. Grace Pranger

FORT WAYNE — E. Grace Pranger, 89, of rural Allen County died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, the Rosary Sodality and a life member of the Huntertown Fire Department Auxiliary.

She was a 1936 graduate of Huntertown High School.

Mrs. Pranger was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Huntertown to Ray and Mary (Parker) Wells. She married Harold M. Pranger on May 29, 1937. He died April 23, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Ronald Minton of Fort Wayne and Vivian L. Pranger of Los Angeles, Calif.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Walter "Butch" Pranger, and two sisters, Martha Peffley and Clara Downs.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with Father John Kuzmich officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m. and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Robert Sleeper

ASHLEY — Robert Edward “Bob” Sleeper, 74, of Ashley and formerly of Stroh died at 7:55 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn where he had been a patient since Saturday.

Mr. Sleeper

Mr. Sleeper had lived in Stroh most of his life where he operated Sleeper’s Salvage.

He had also been employed at McCray Refrigeration.

Mr. Sleeper was the past chief of the Stroh Volunteer Fire Department and had worked with the Stroh ambulance service.

He was born June 30, 1931, in Kendallville to Fred J. and Josephine L. (Likes) Sleeper. He married Flossie Dishman on April 7, 1948, in Covington, Ky. She died Nov. 11, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Gene Terry of Stroh; two adopted daughters, Danielle Sleeper and Katie Sleeper, both of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Charlotte and Tom Hart and Berdena Smith, all of Kendallville; a grandson and his wife, Alan and Lisa Terry of Stroh; two great-grandchildren, Taryn Terry and Tanner Terry; and his best friend, Melissa Wilder of Ashley.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Mapes, on Nov. 20. 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange with family members serving as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor’s choice.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome.

Betty Stalf

NAPLES, Fla. — Betty Stalf, 72, of Naples and formerly of Noble County died Sunday, March 26, 2006, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Stalf

Mrs. Stalf had lived in Indiana until moving to Naples in 1995.

She had been employed at Midwestern Life Insurance Co. for many years. Later she had been employed by Sears as an interior designer.

While living in Noble County, she continued her interior design work and became a member of Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

After moving to Florida, she became a member of the Naples Church of Christ.

Mrs. Stalf was born April 16, 1933, to the Rev. Marion and Ida Shroyer. She was a 1951 graduate of Columbia City High School.

She married Jack C. Stalf in 1951. He survives.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Robert Auer of Columbia City; a brother, Robert Shroyer; a stepbrother and his wife, Donald and Flora Gillette of Arizona; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Frances; a sister, Alice “Dutch” Anderson of Columbia City; and a brother, Elmer Shroyer of Florida.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel Building Fund, the Gideons International or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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